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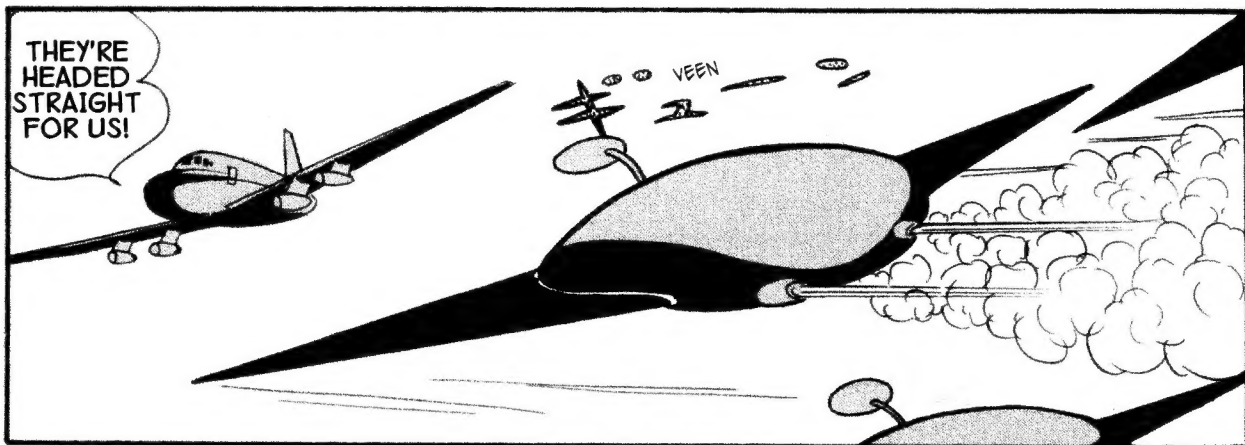
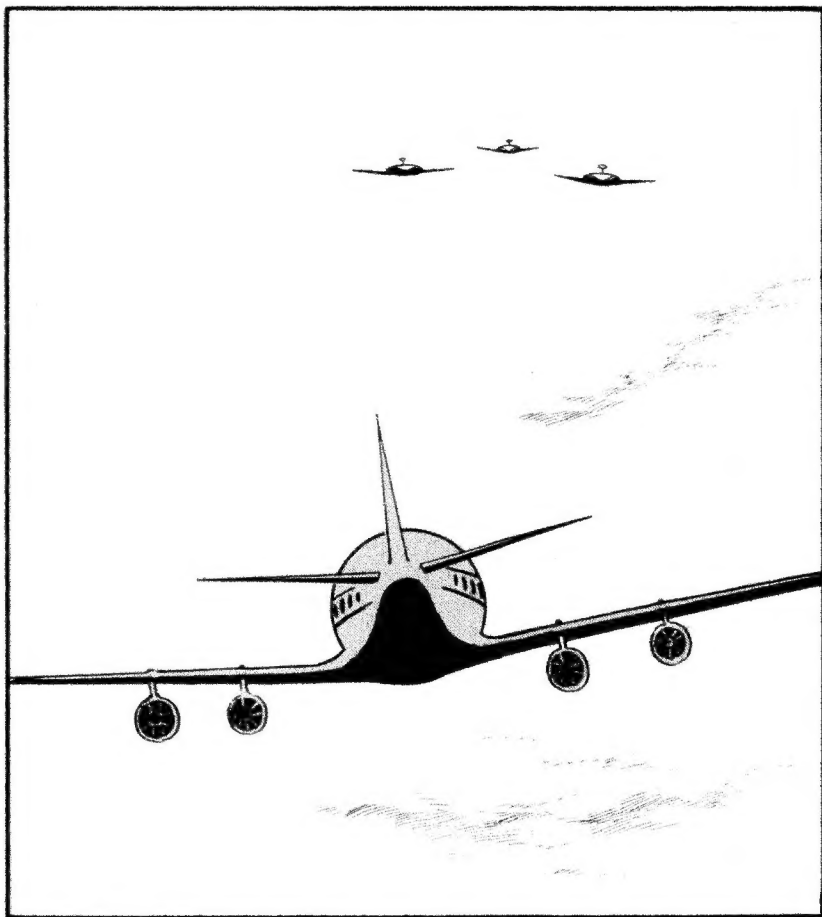
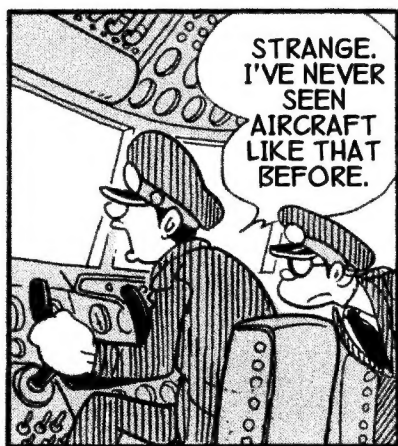
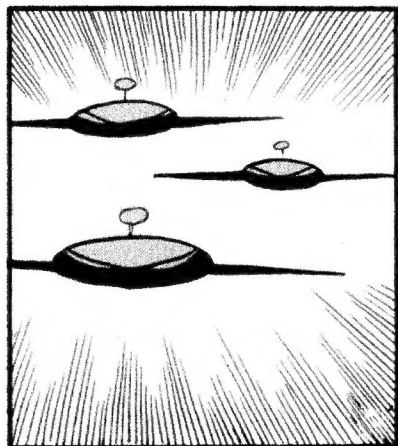
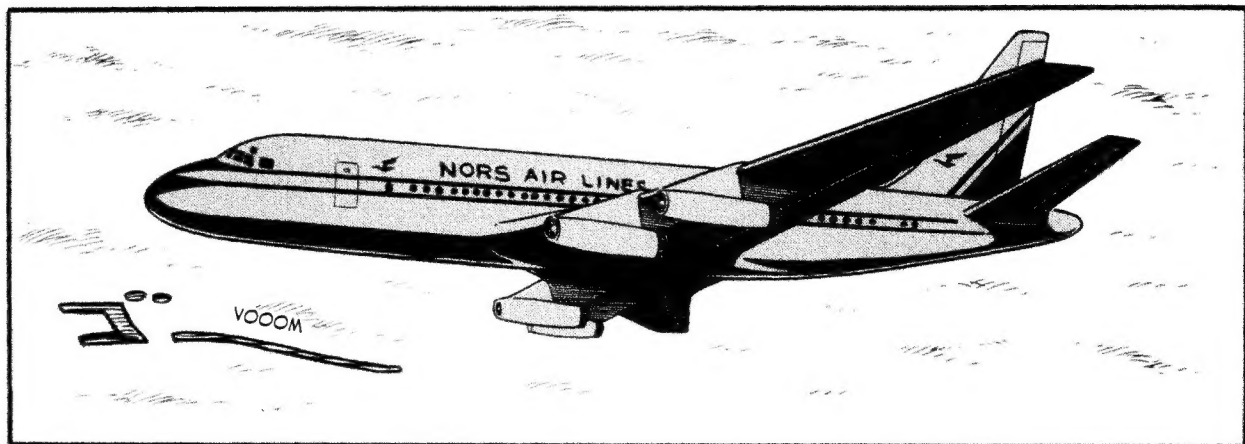


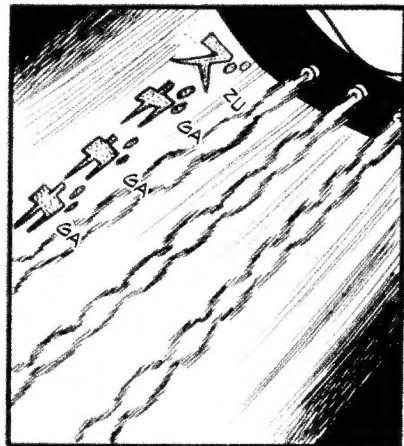
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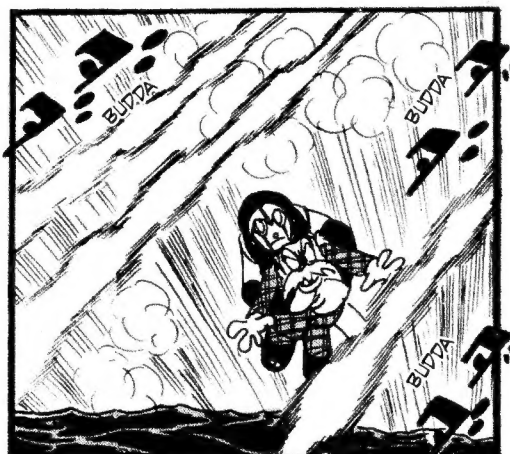
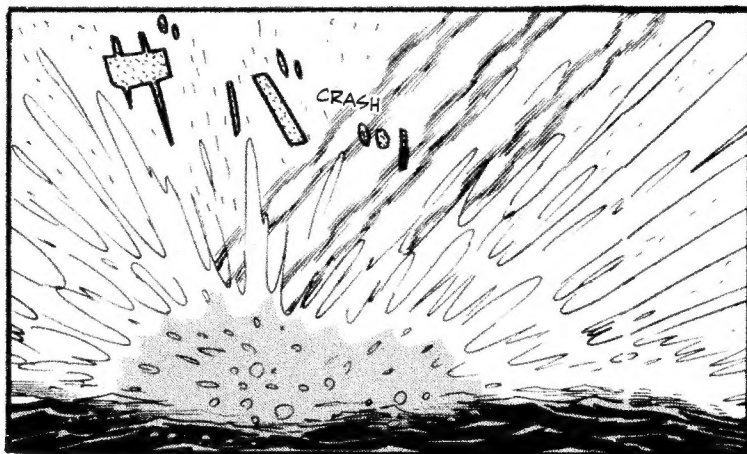
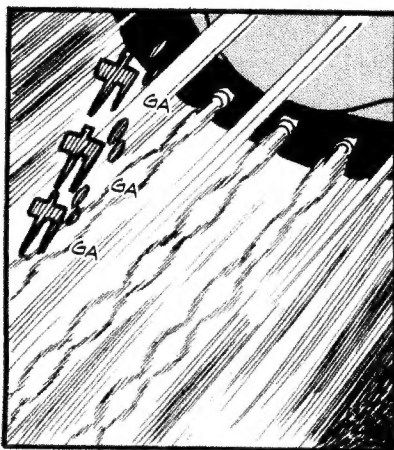
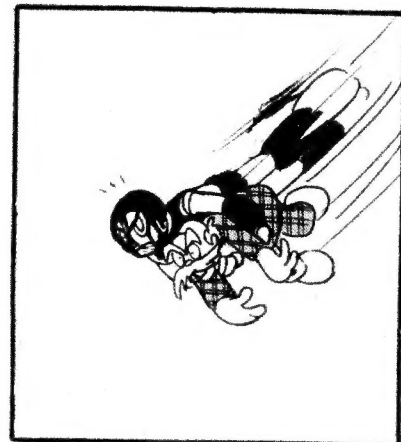
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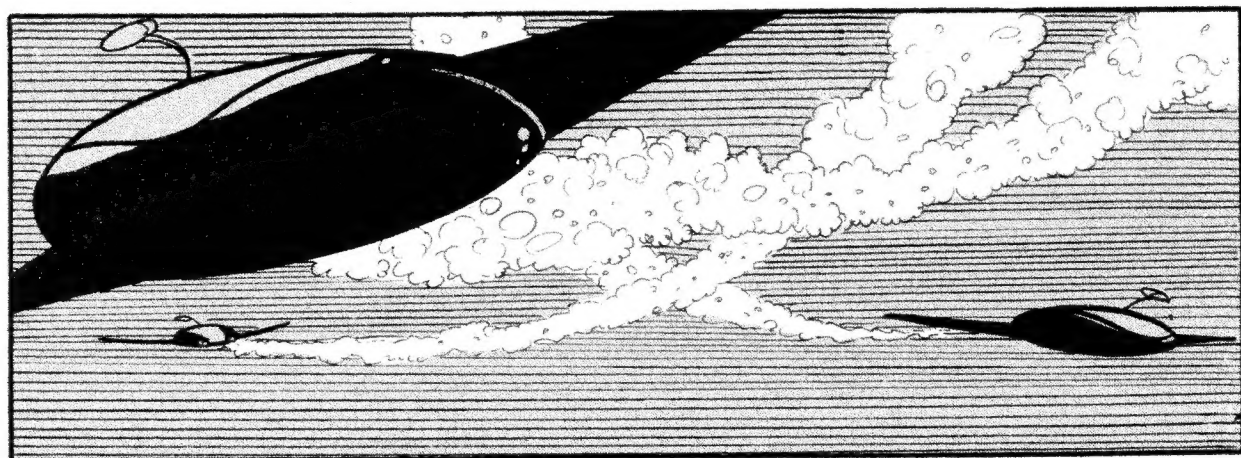
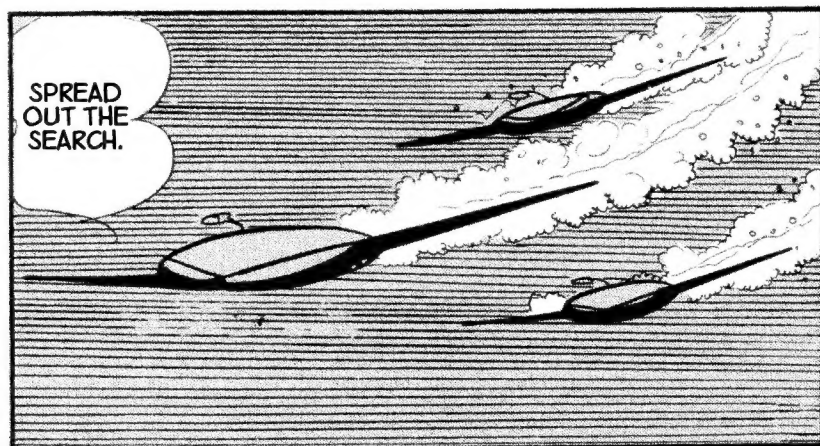
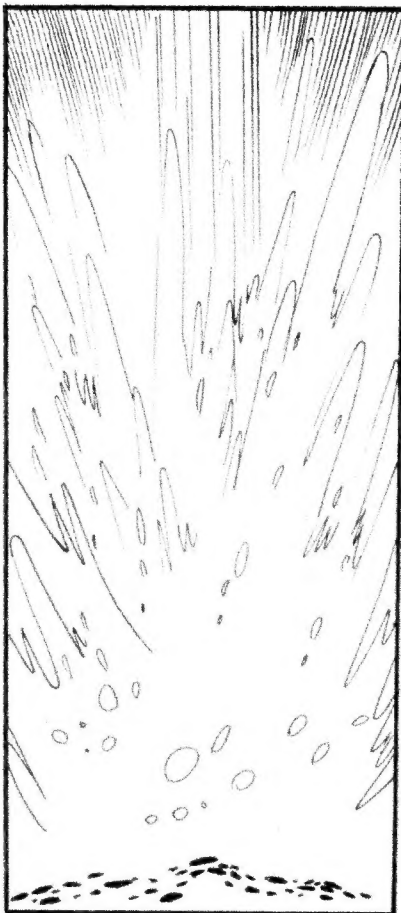
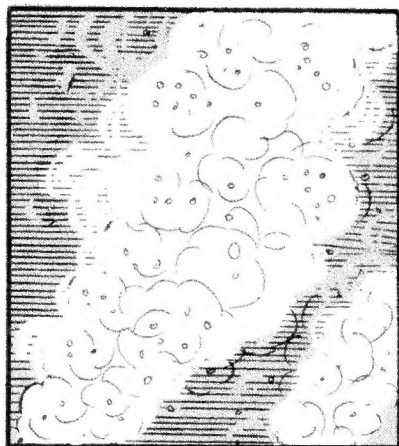


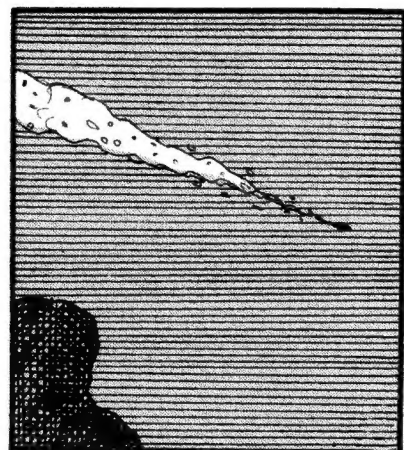
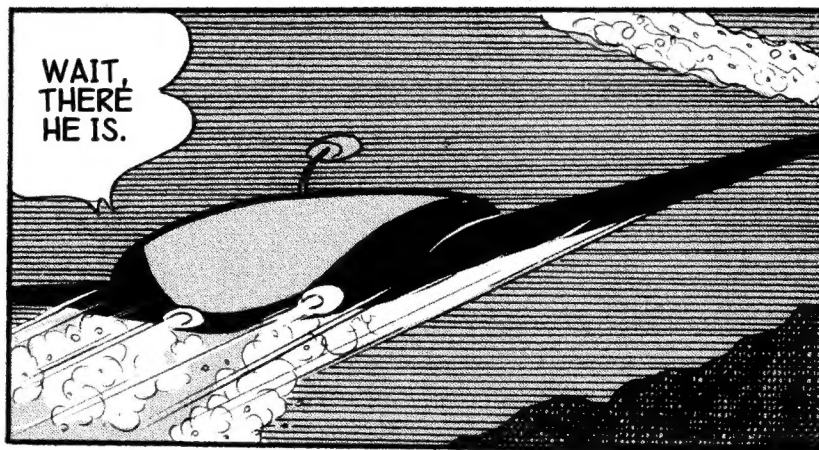
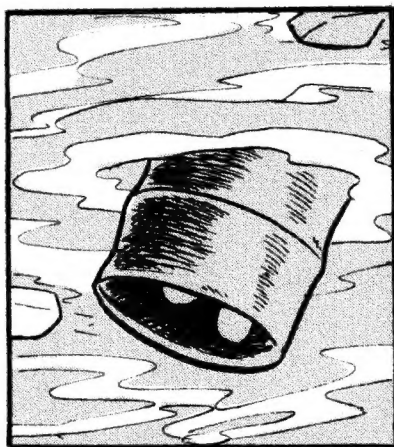


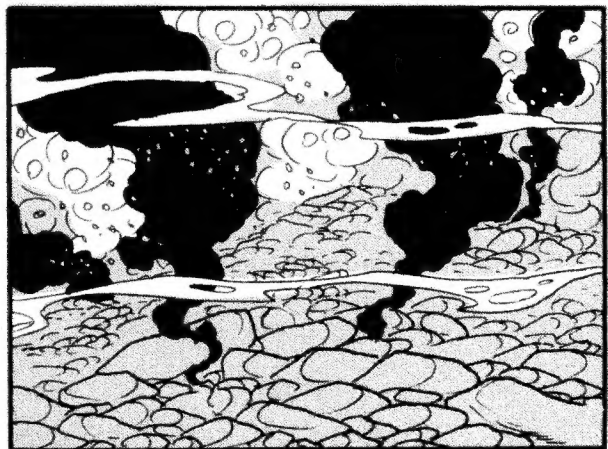
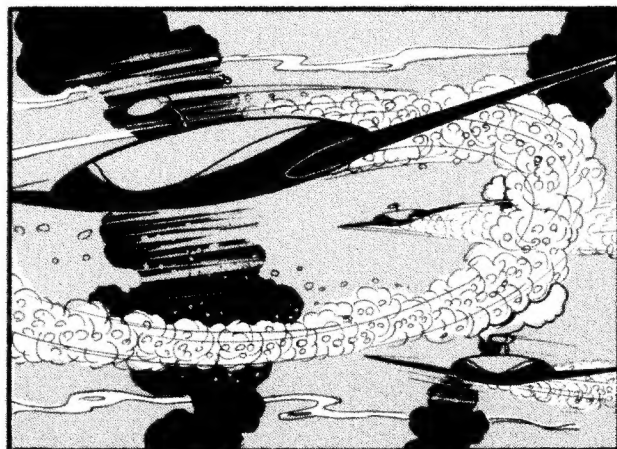
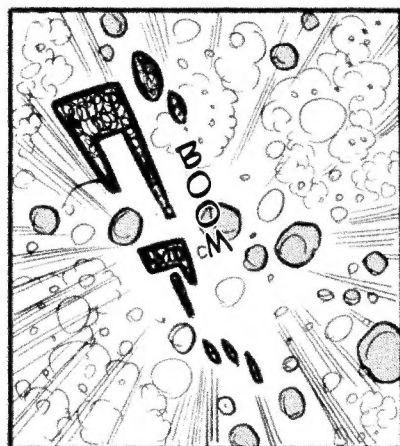
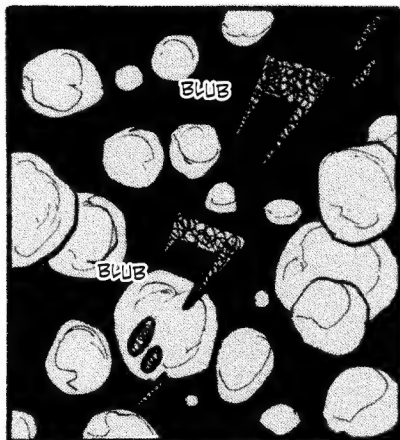
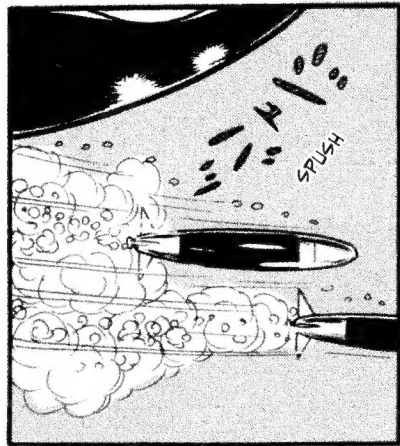
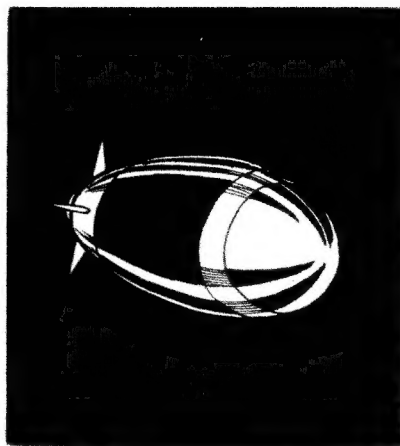


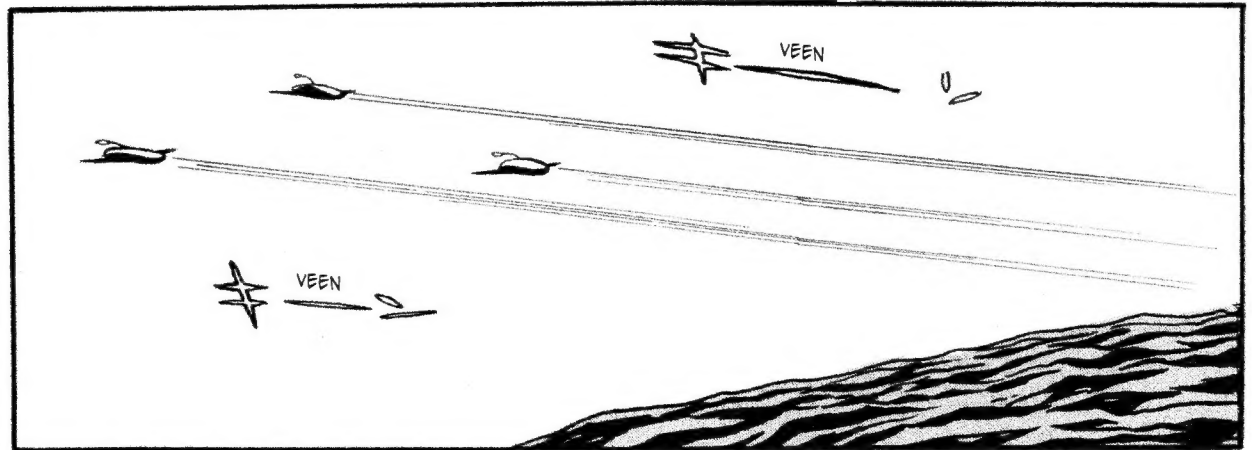
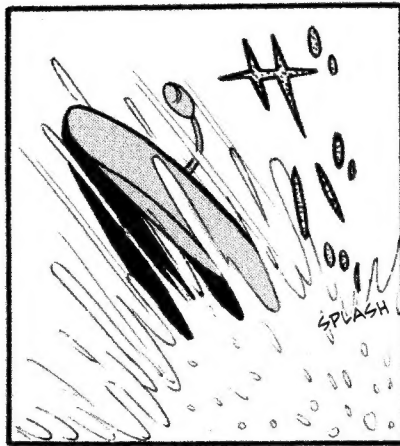
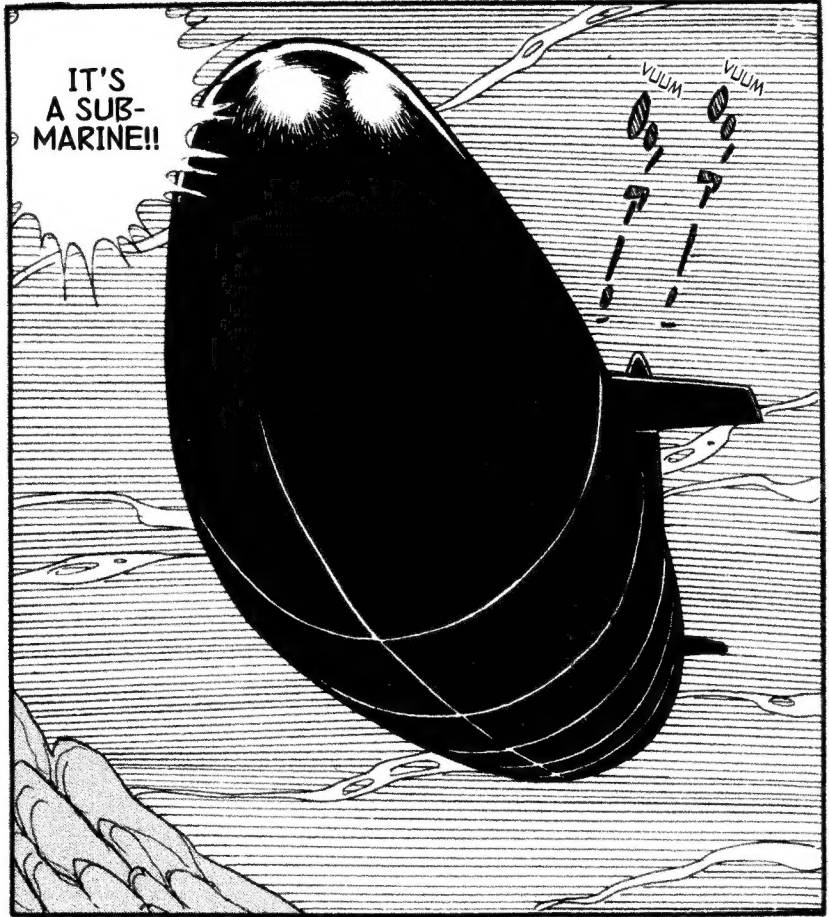
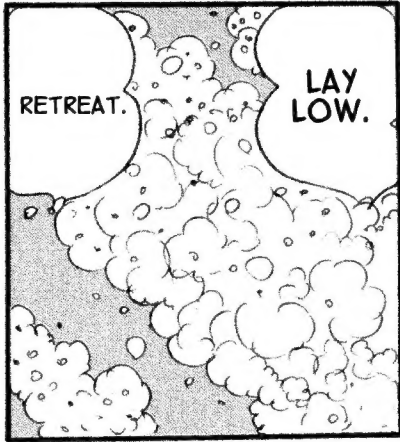
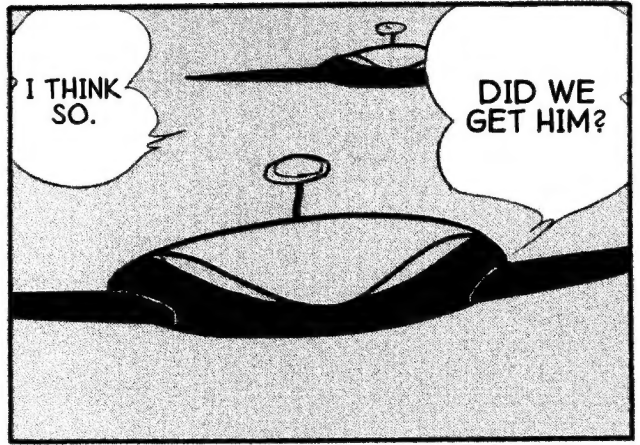
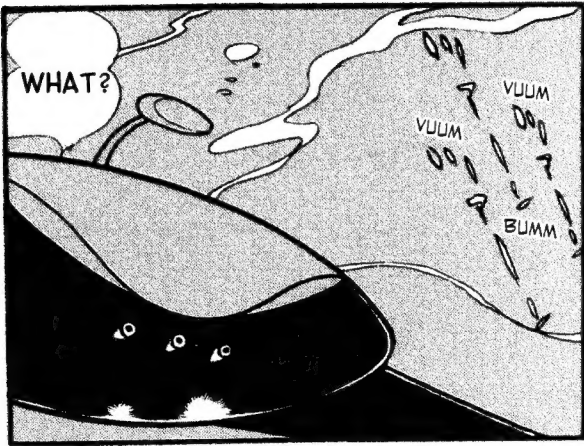
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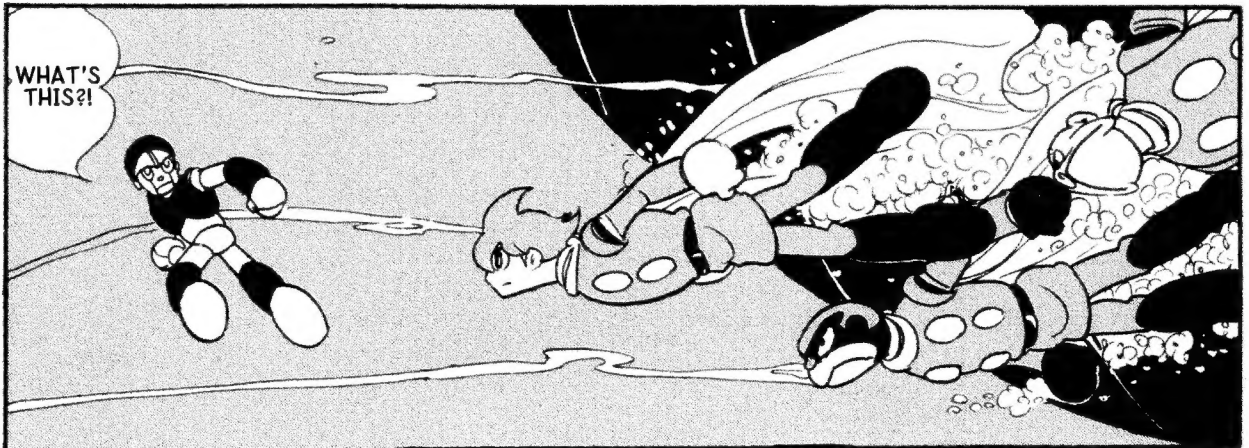
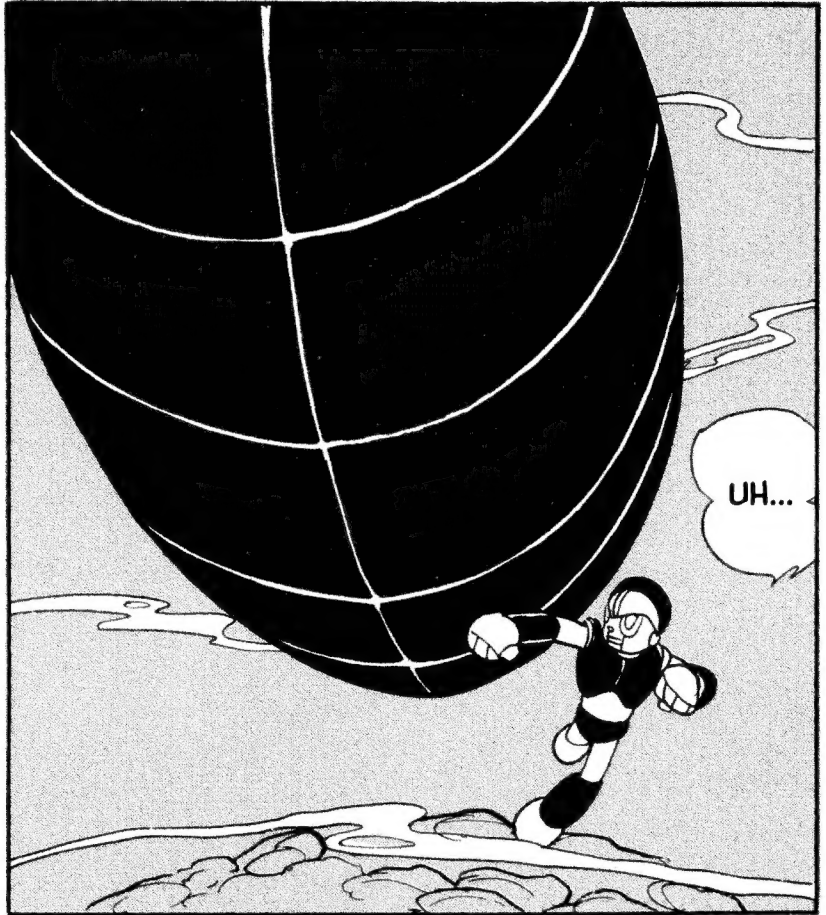
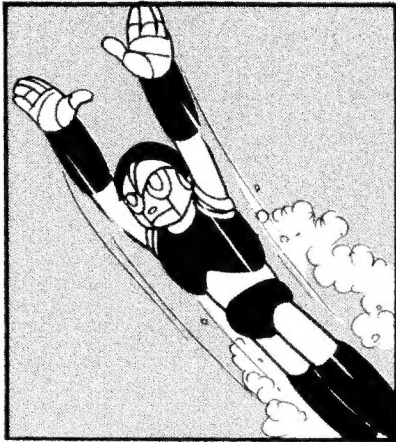
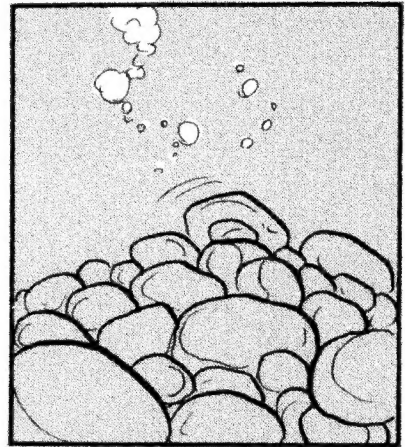
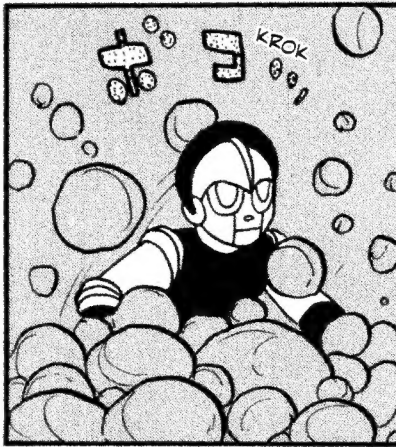


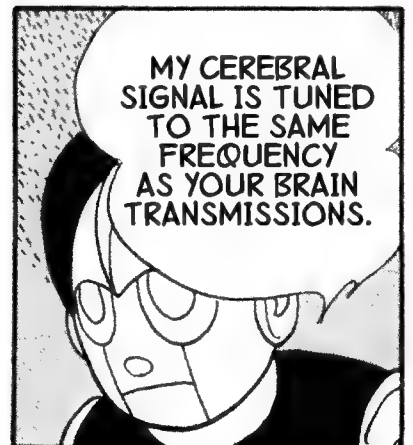
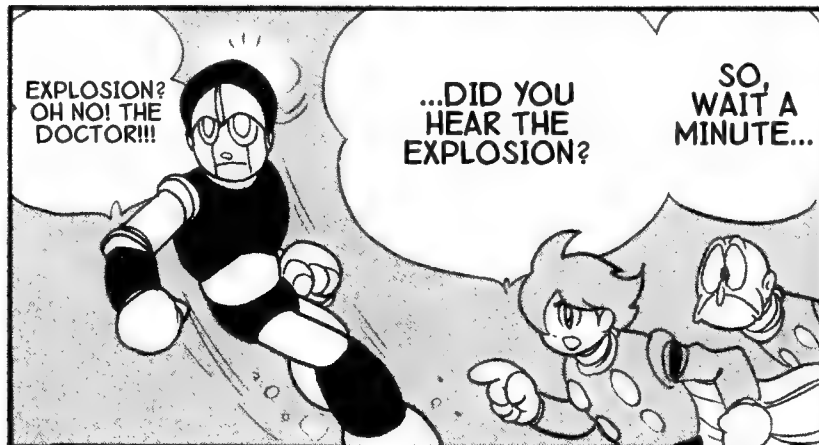
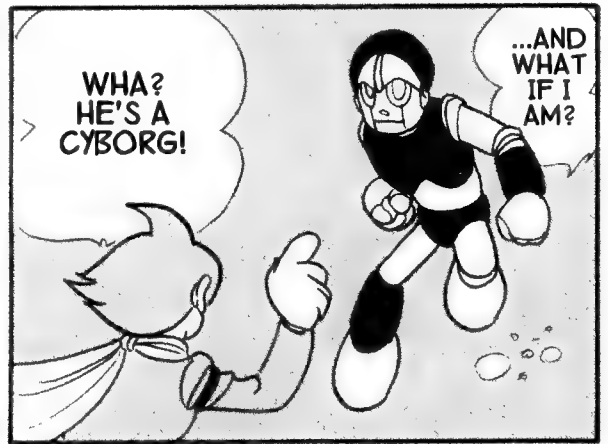
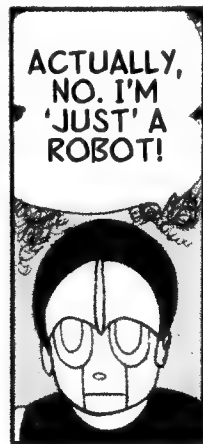
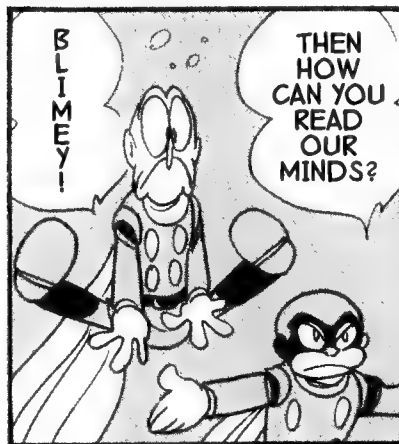
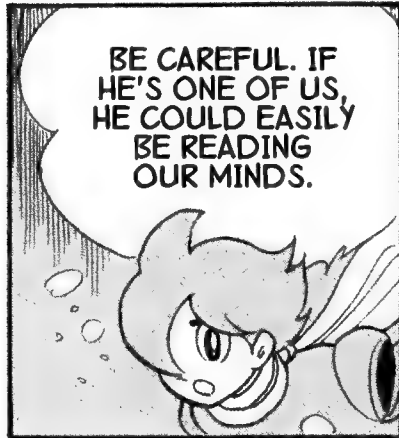


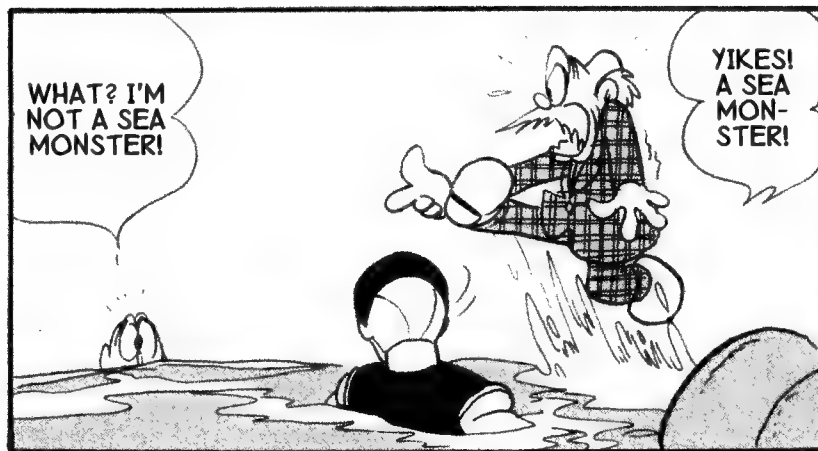
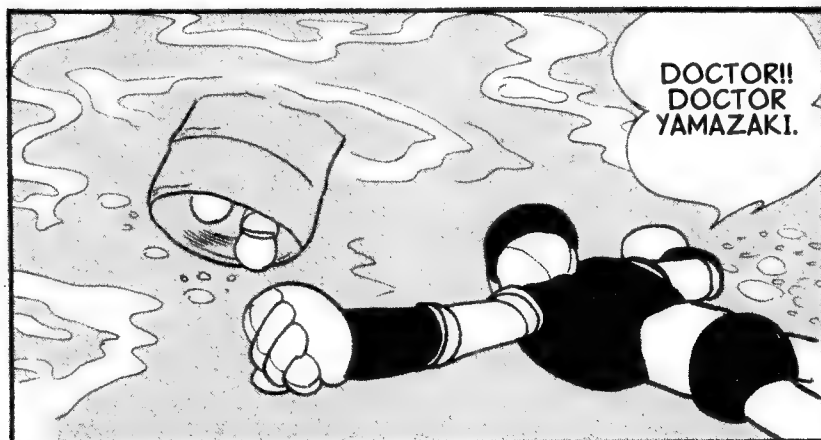
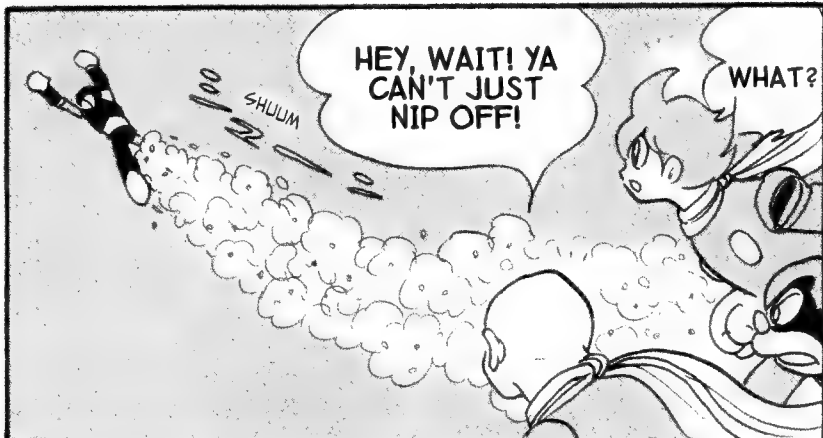


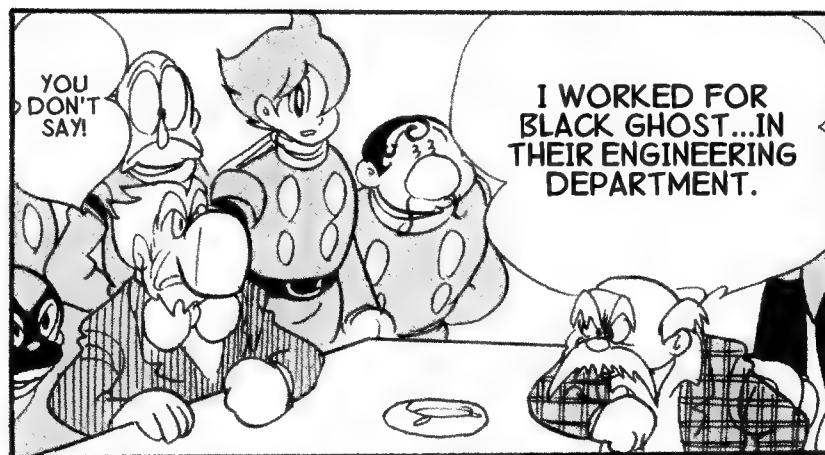
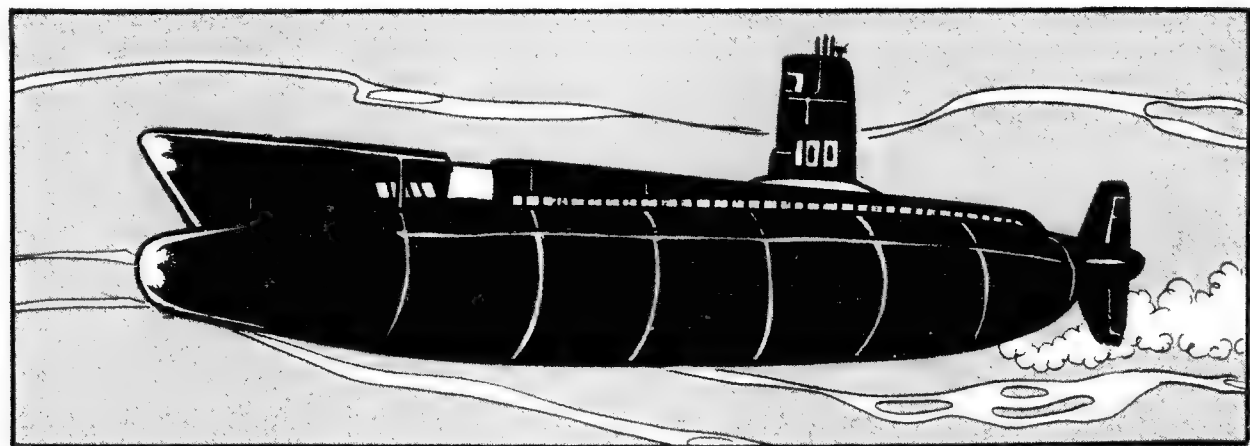


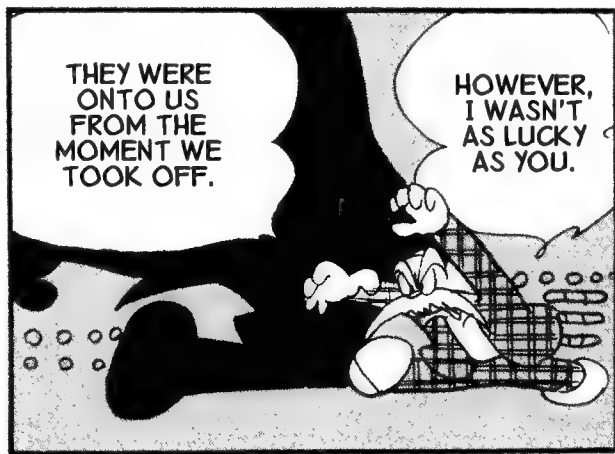
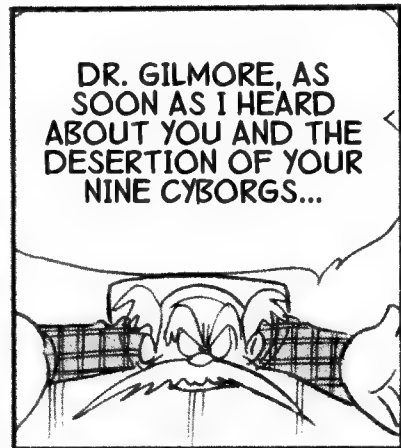
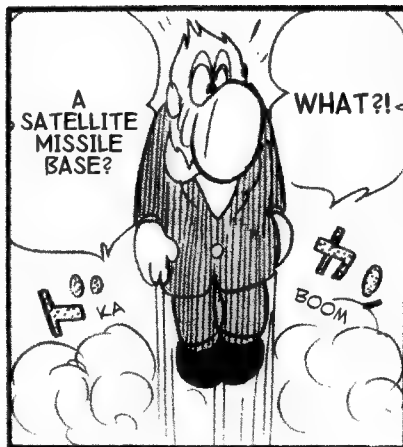


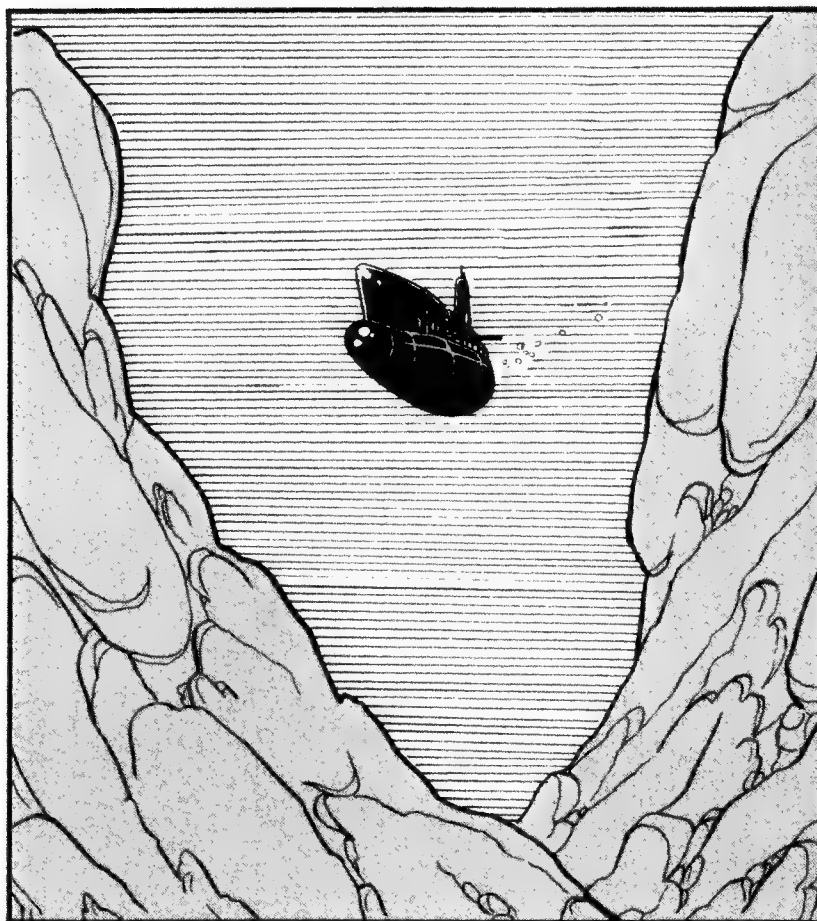
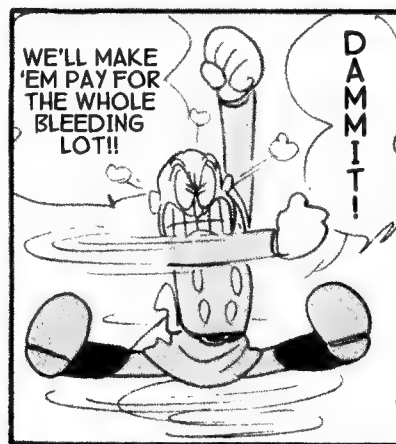
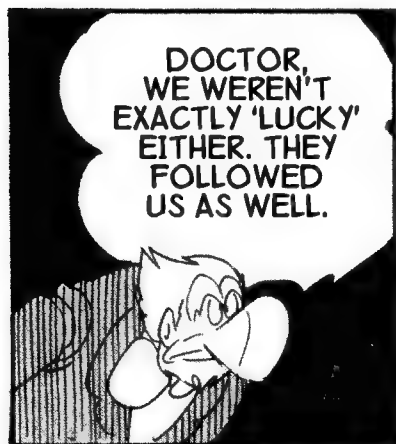












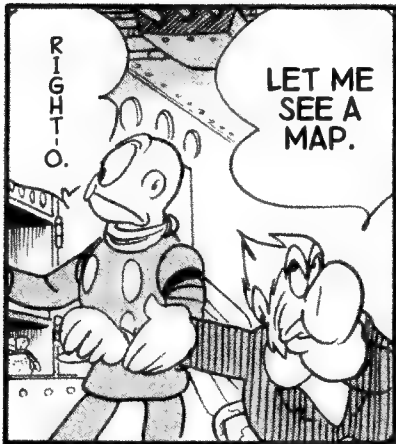


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A PLACE,
STRANGE
ROCK
ISLAND...



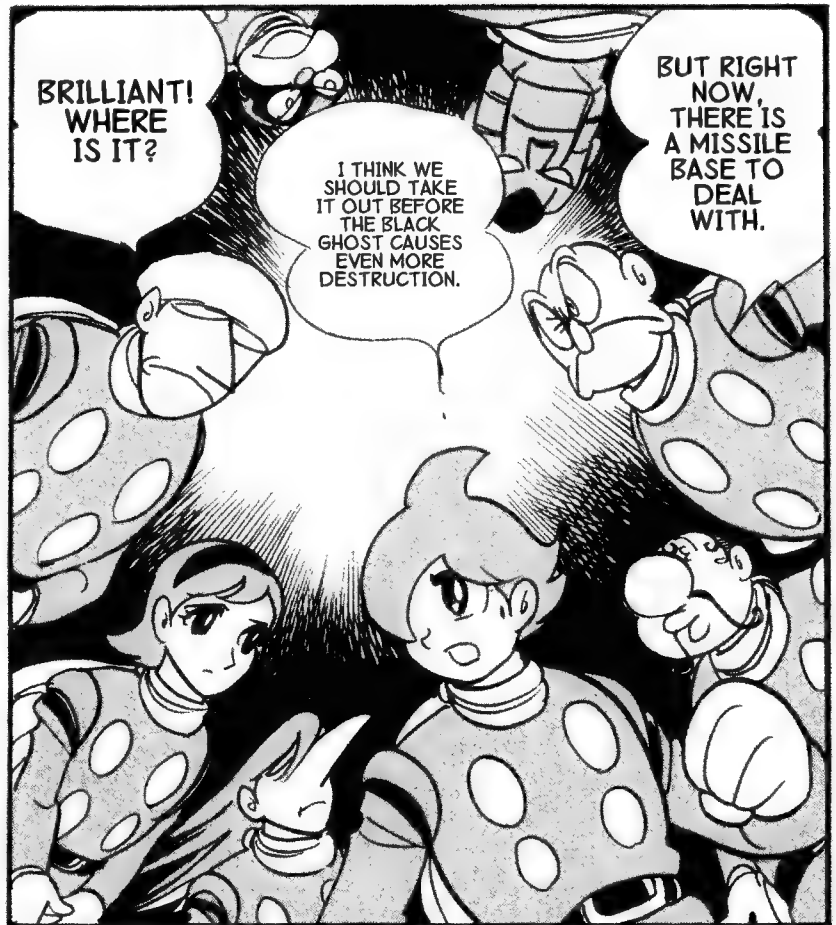
WHERE IS
THAT?

STRANGE
ROCK
ISLAND?



R I G H T O .

LET ME
SEE A
MAP.



BRILLIANT!
WHERE
IS IT?

I THINK WE
SHOULD TAKE
IT OUT BEFORE
THE BLACK
GHOST CAUSES
EVEN MORE
DESTRUCTION.

BUT RIGHT
NOW,
THERE IS
A MISSILE
BASE TO
DEAL
WITH.



STRANGE
ROCK ISLAND...
SEEMS LIKE I'VE
HEARD THAT
NAME BEFORE.

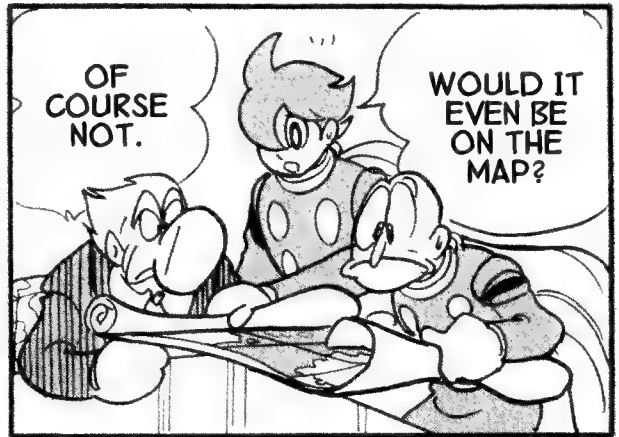
WAIT,
HOLD ON.



I WISH
I KNEW.

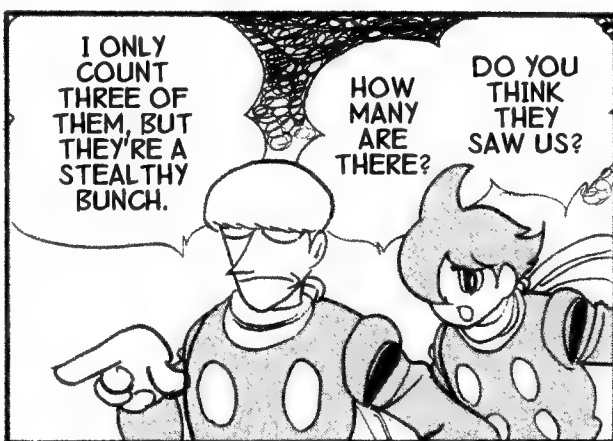
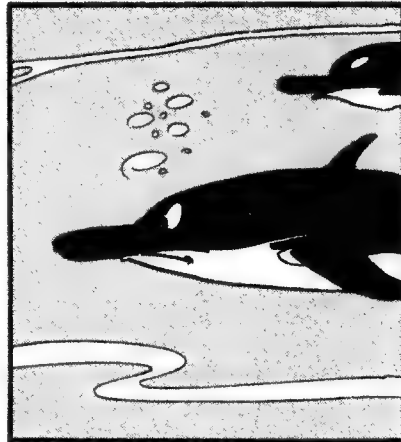
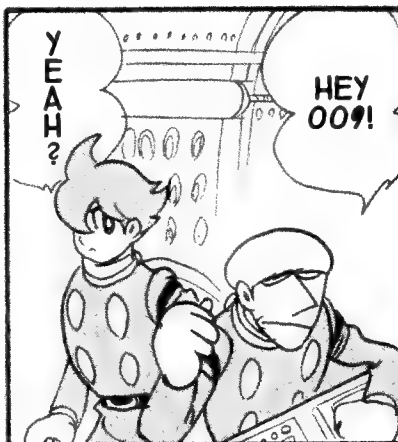
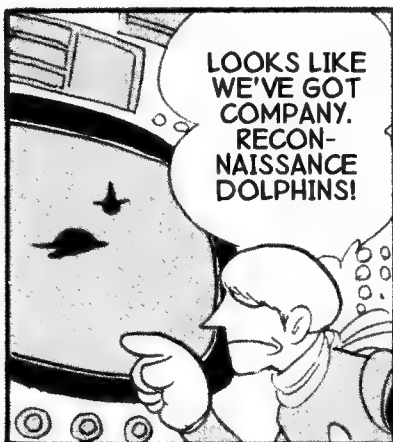
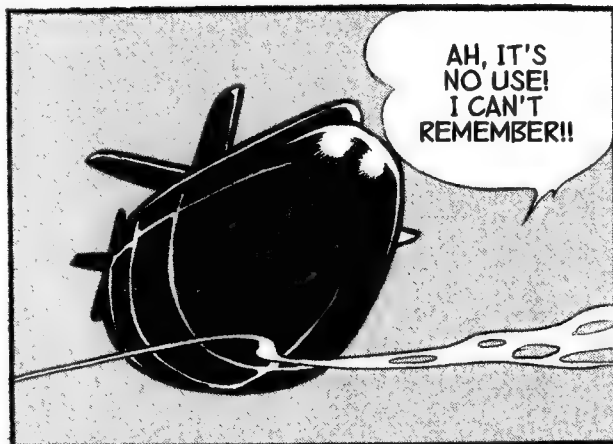
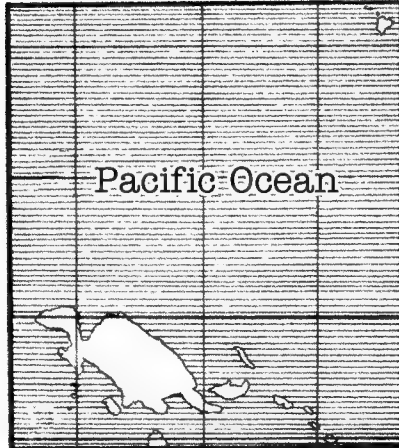
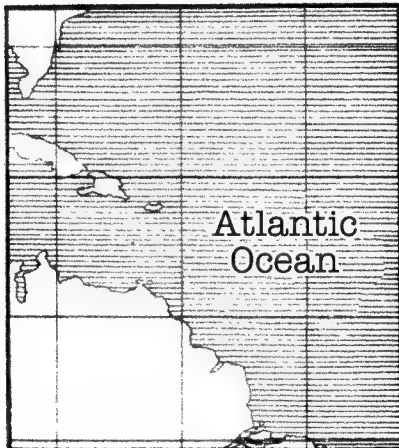
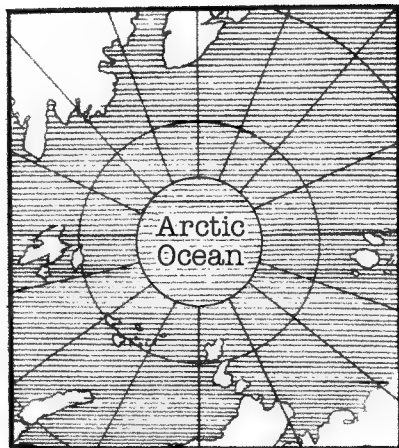


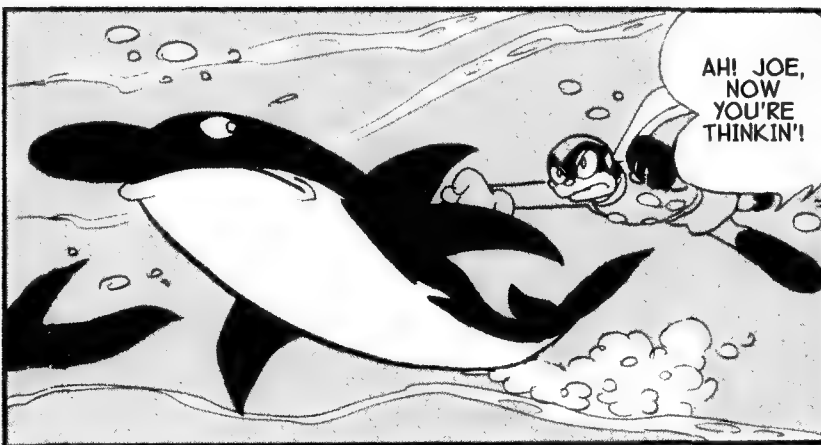
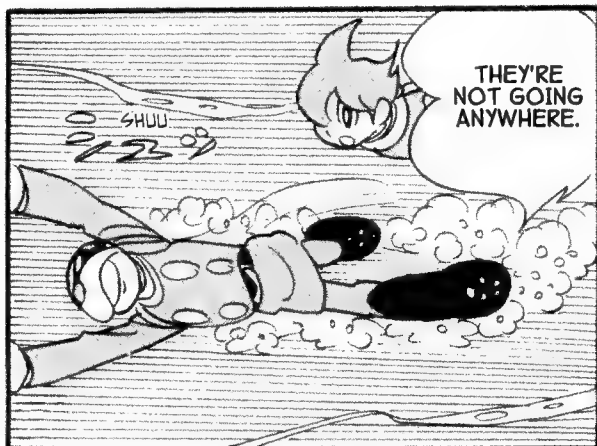
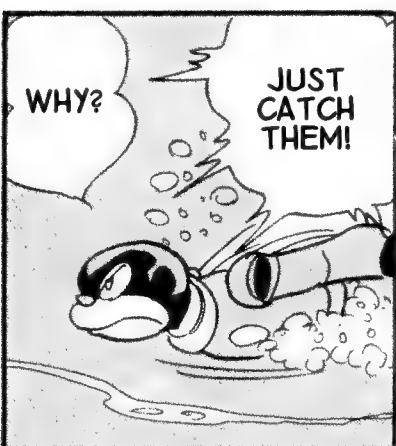
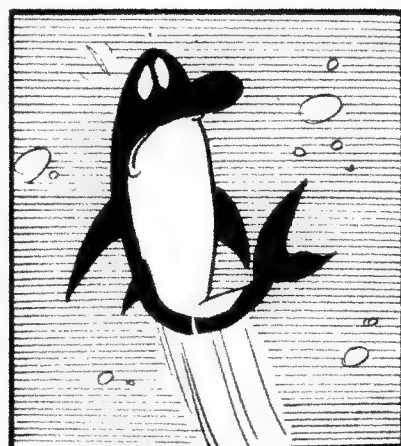
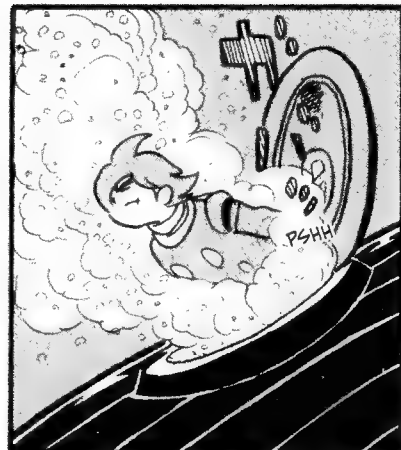
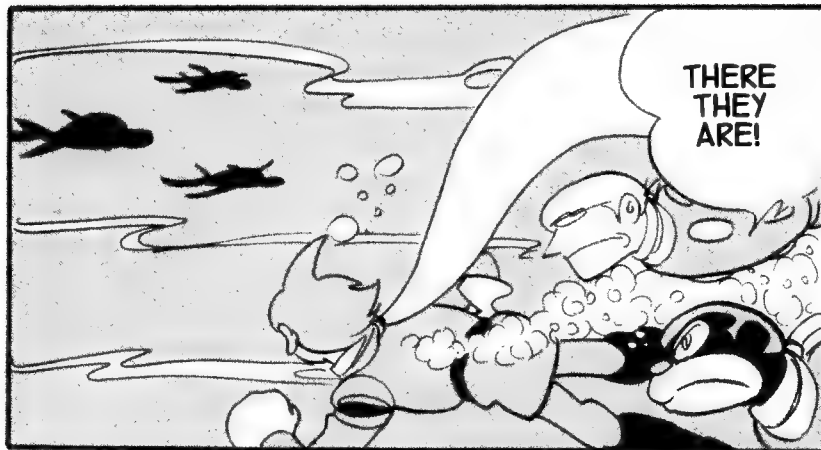
IT'S A TOP
SECRET
LOCATION.
HOWEVER, I
MIGHT BE ABLE
TO REMEMBER
IF I LOOK HARD
ENOUGH.

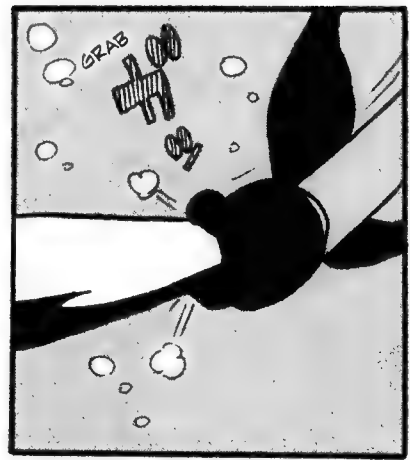
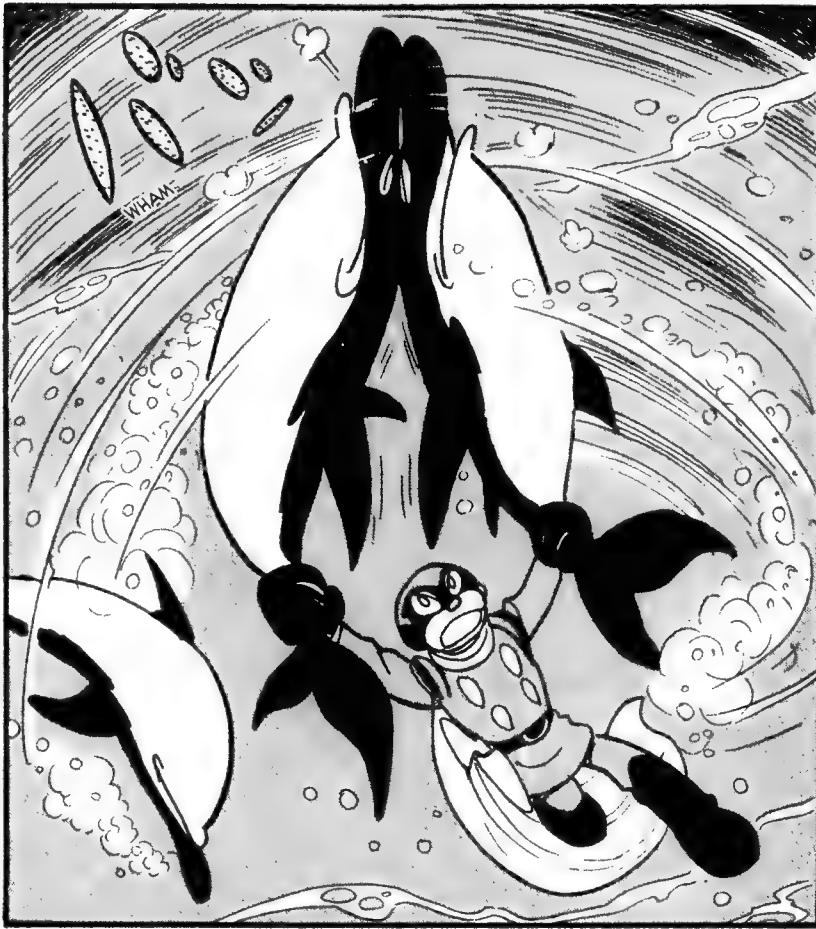


OF
COURSE
NOT.

WOULD IT
EVEN BE
ON THE
MAP?

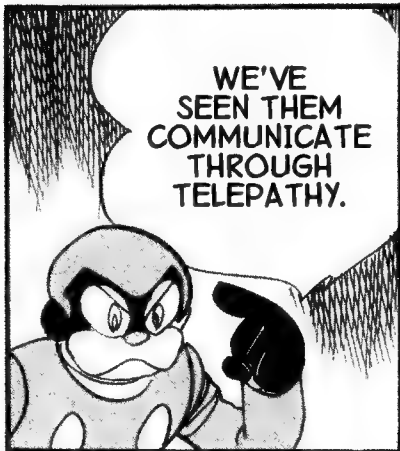


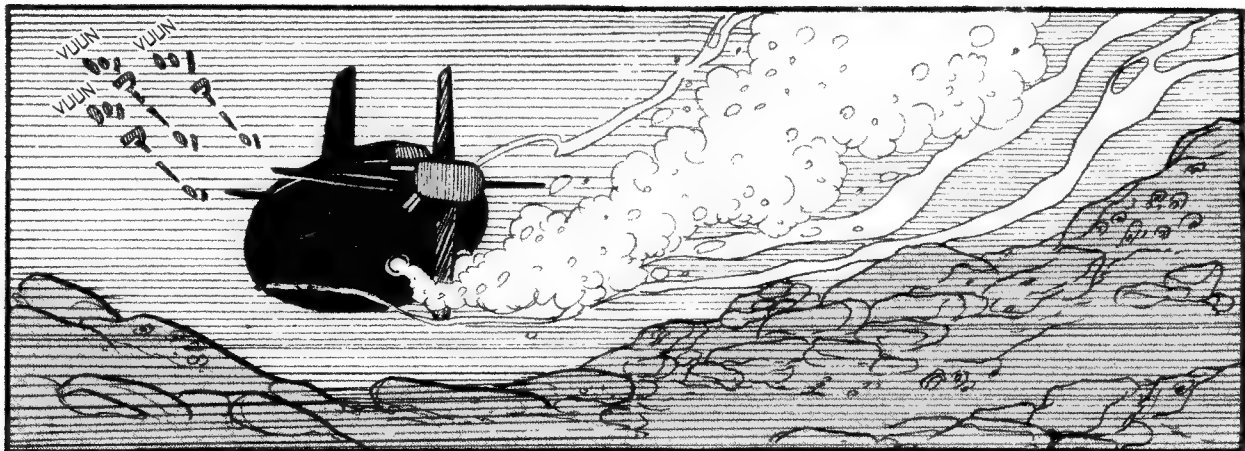
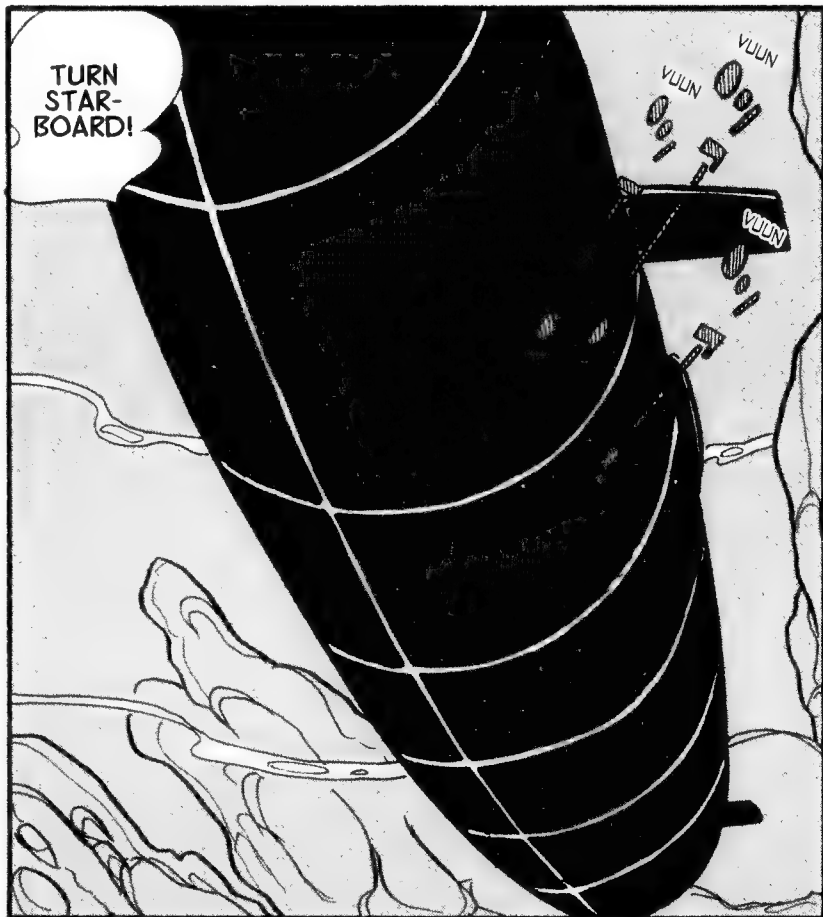
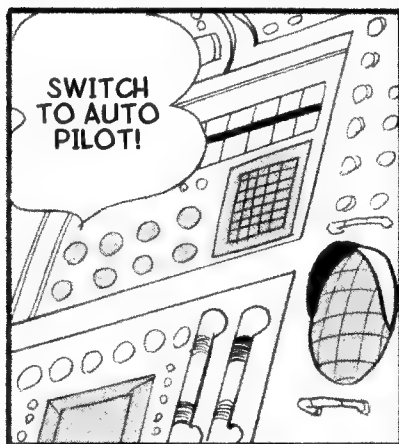
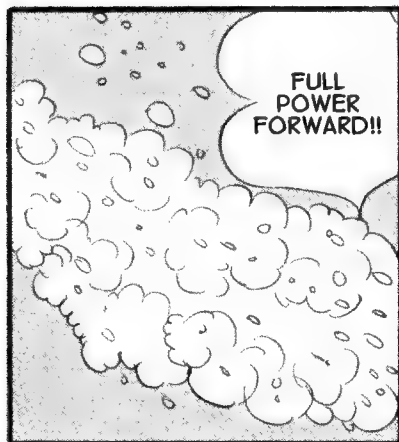


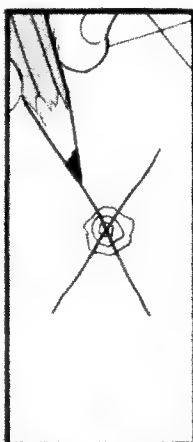
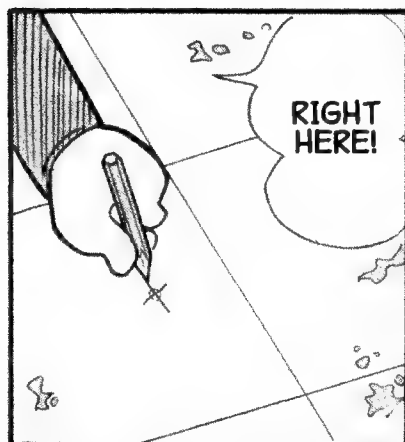
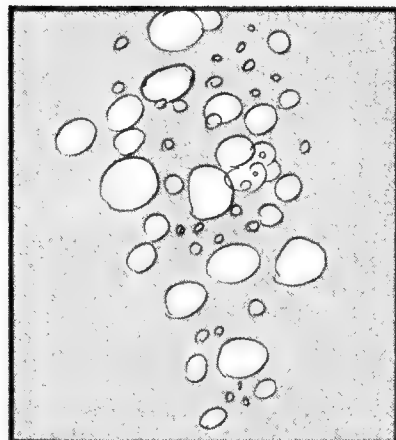
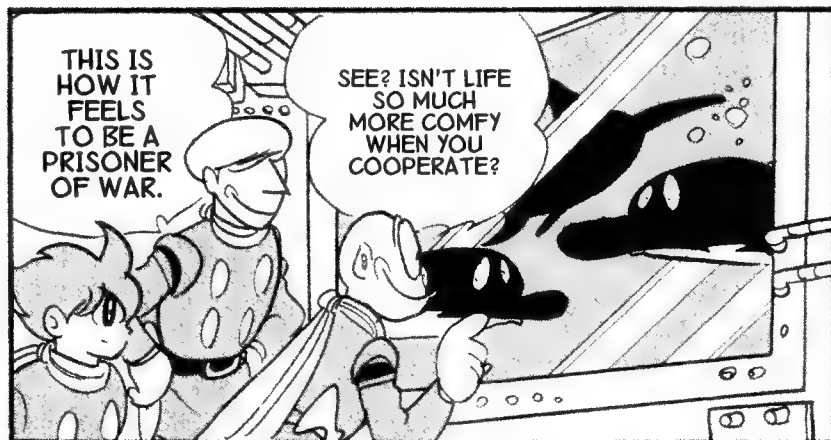


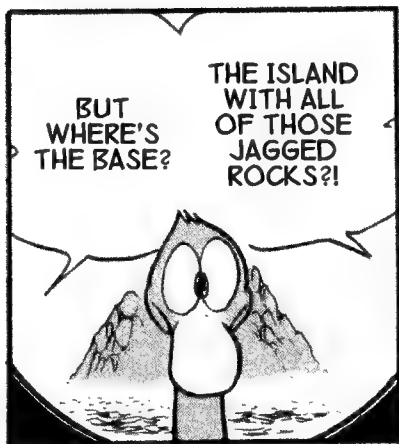
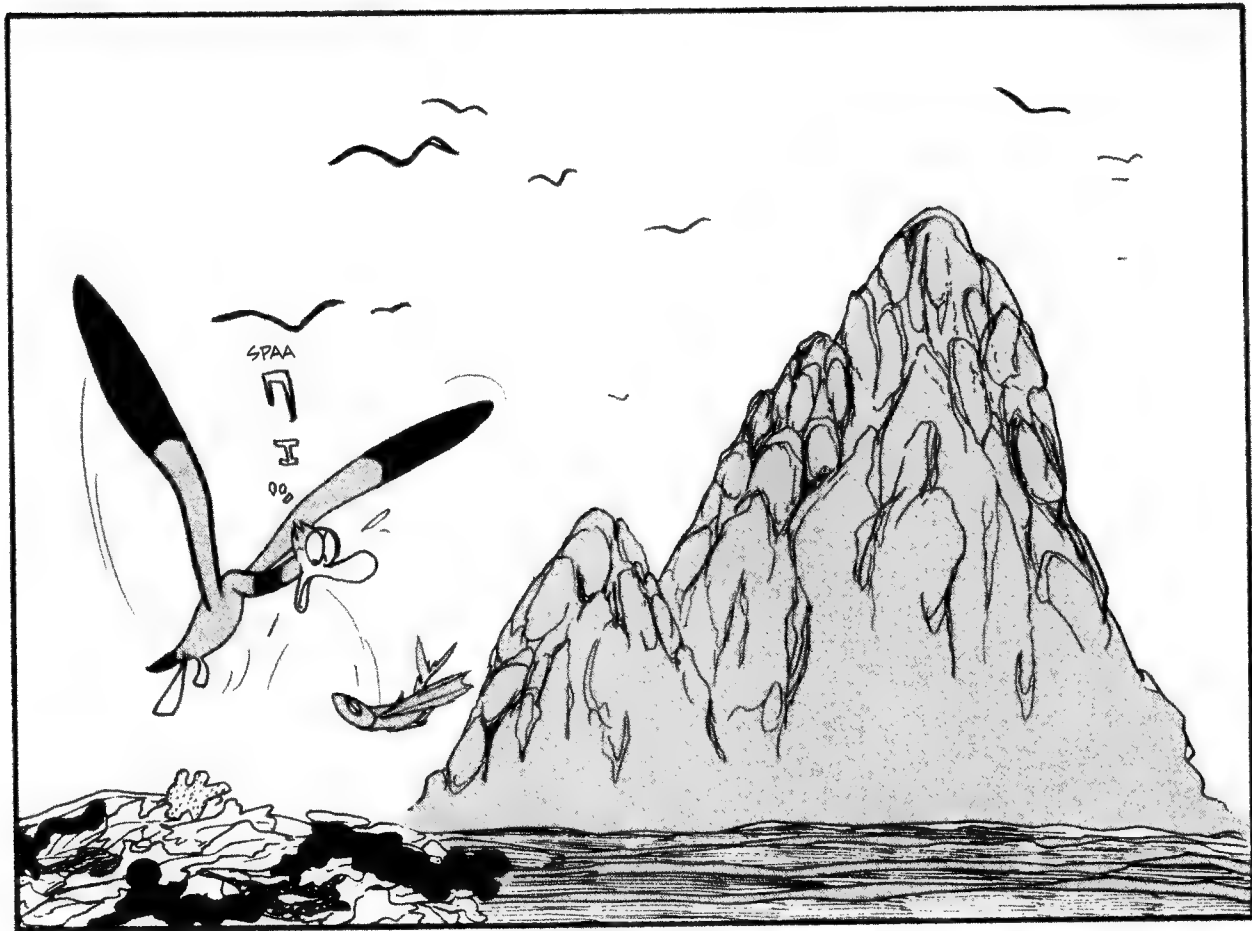
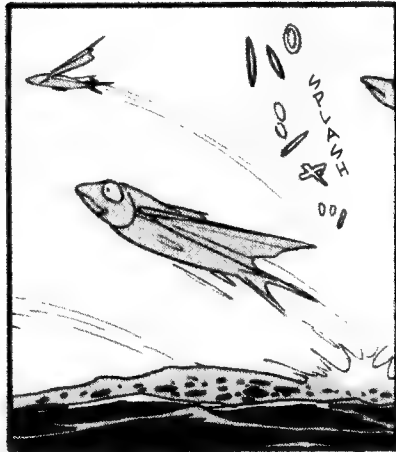
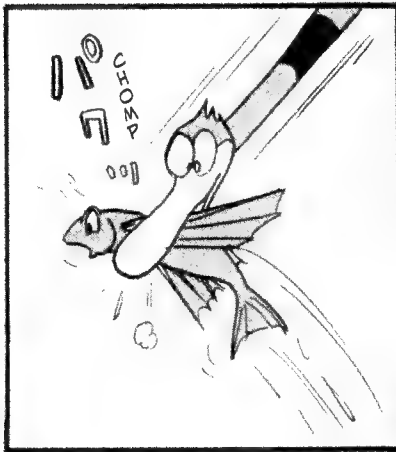
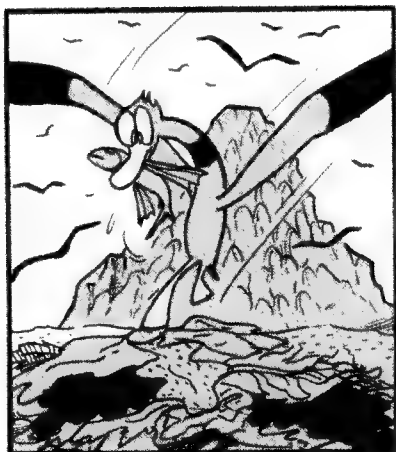
OKAY,
GUYS.
WHAT
NOW?





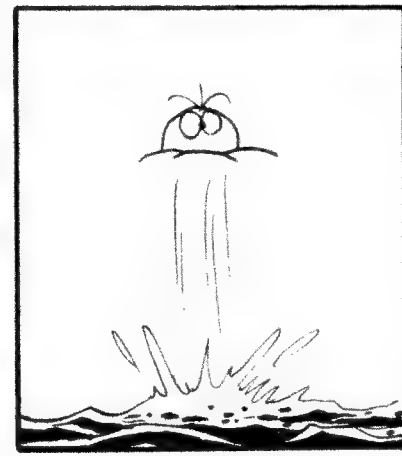
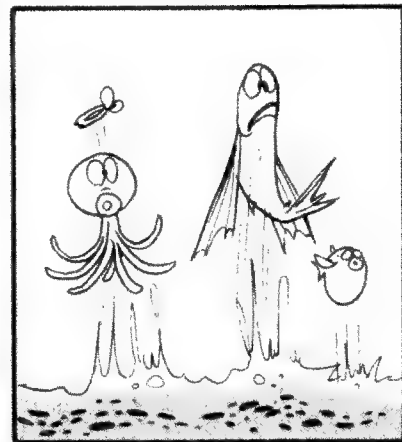
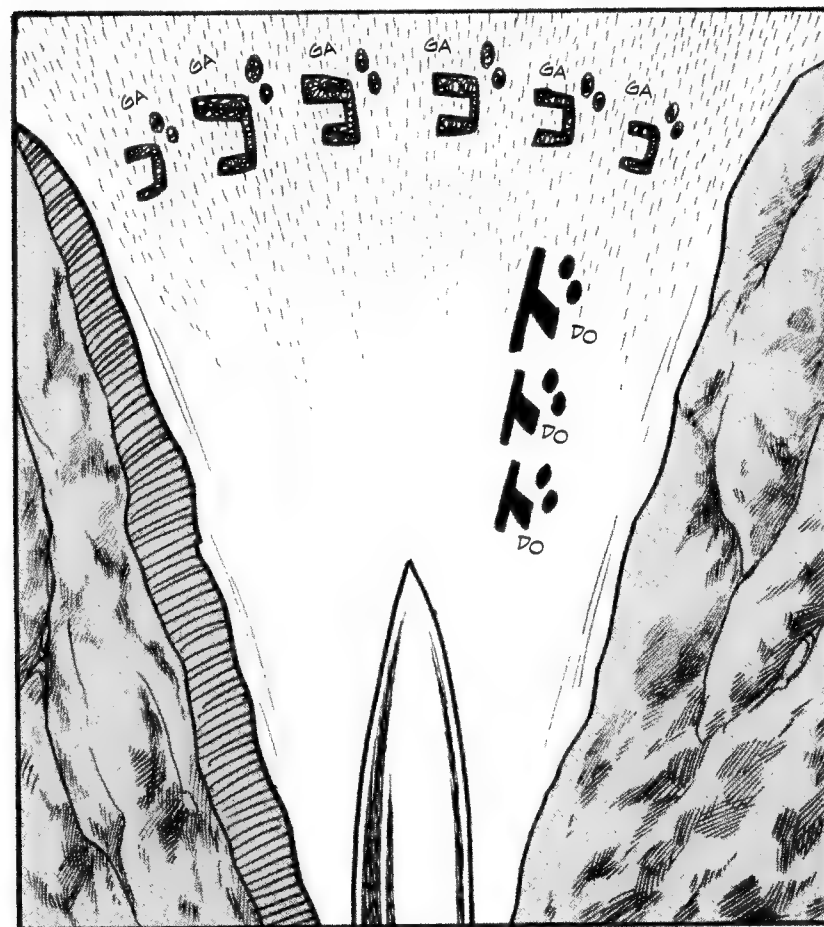
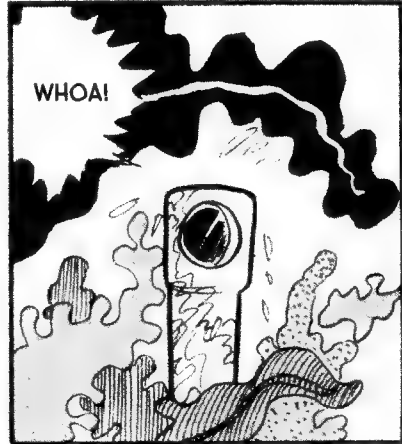
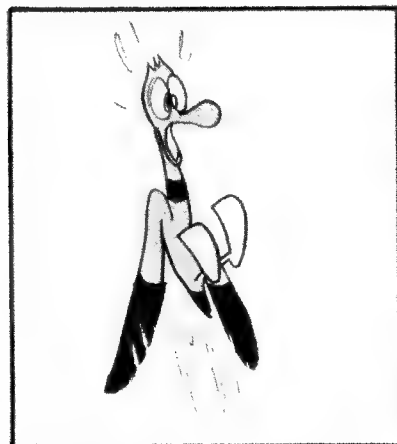
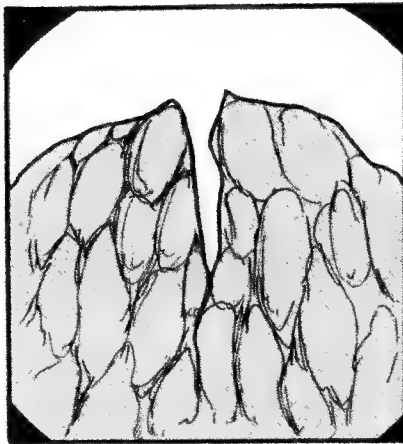
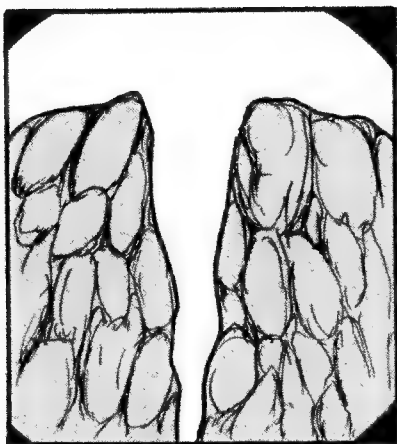


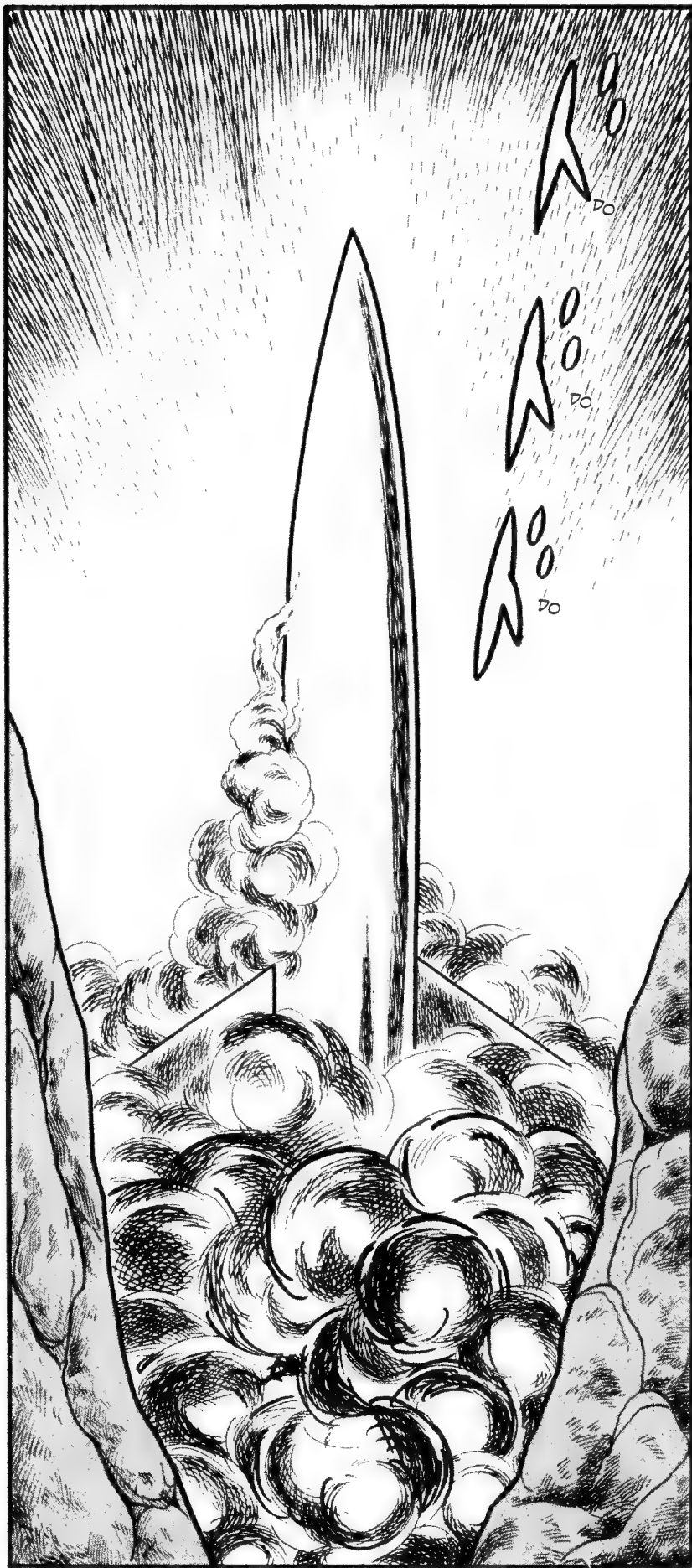
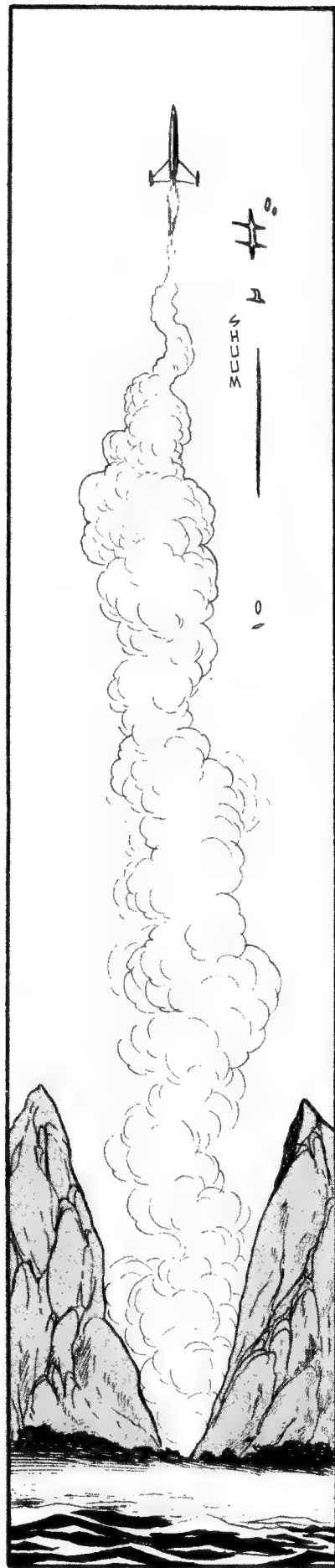


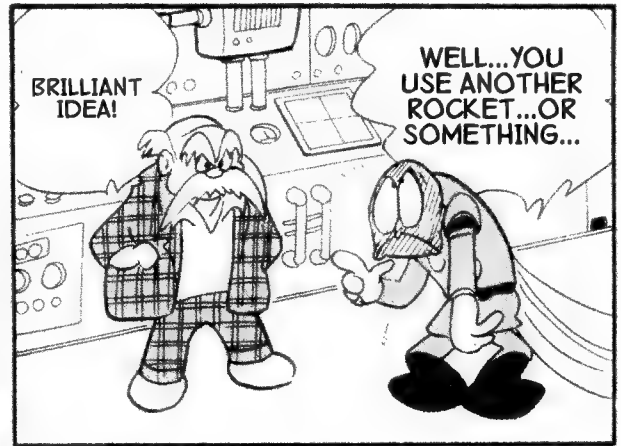
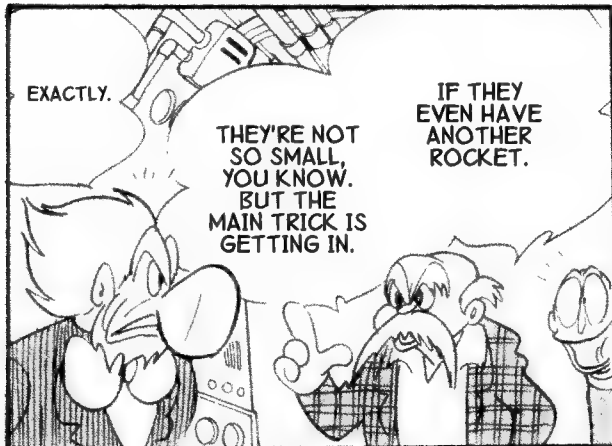
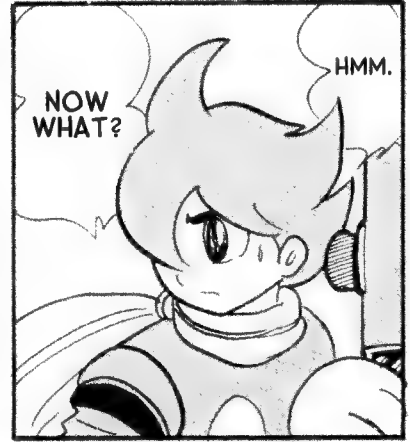
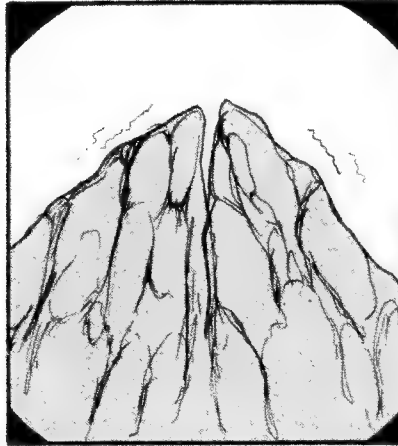
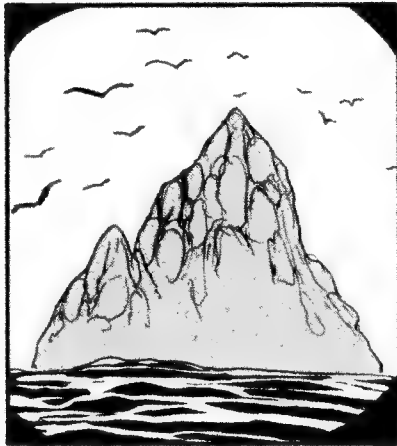
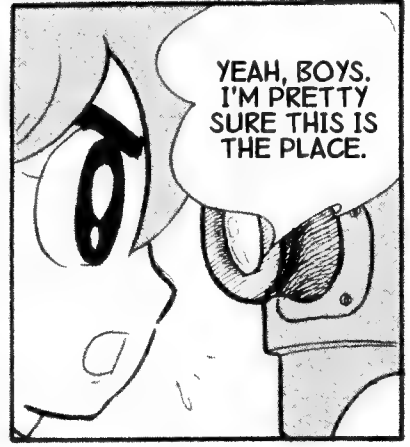
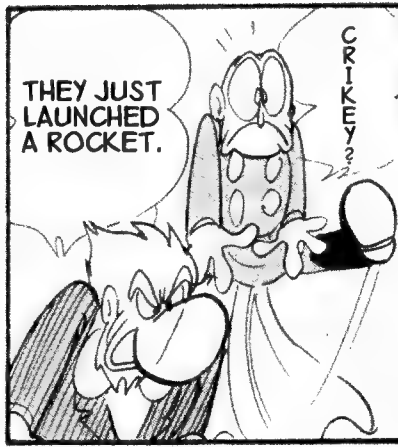


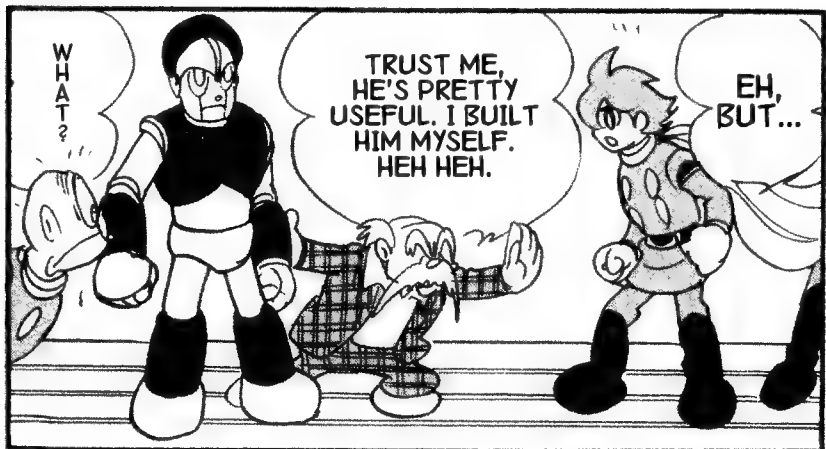
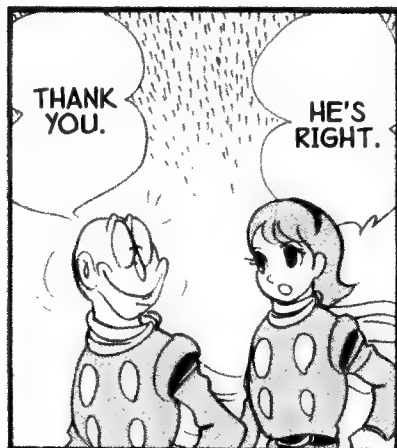
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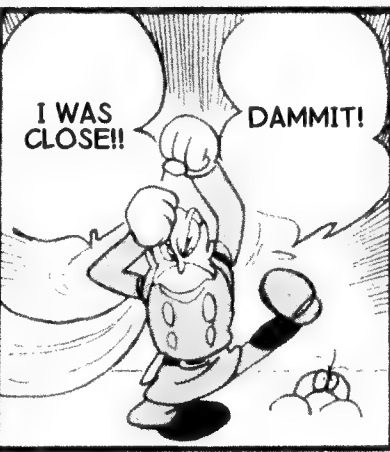
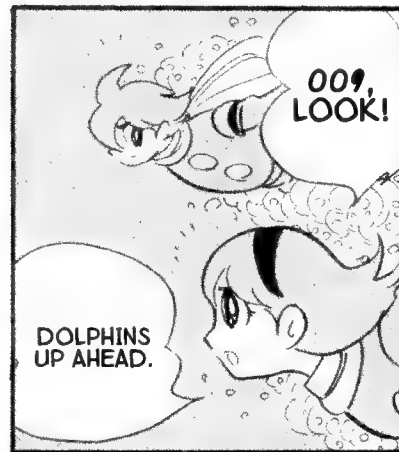
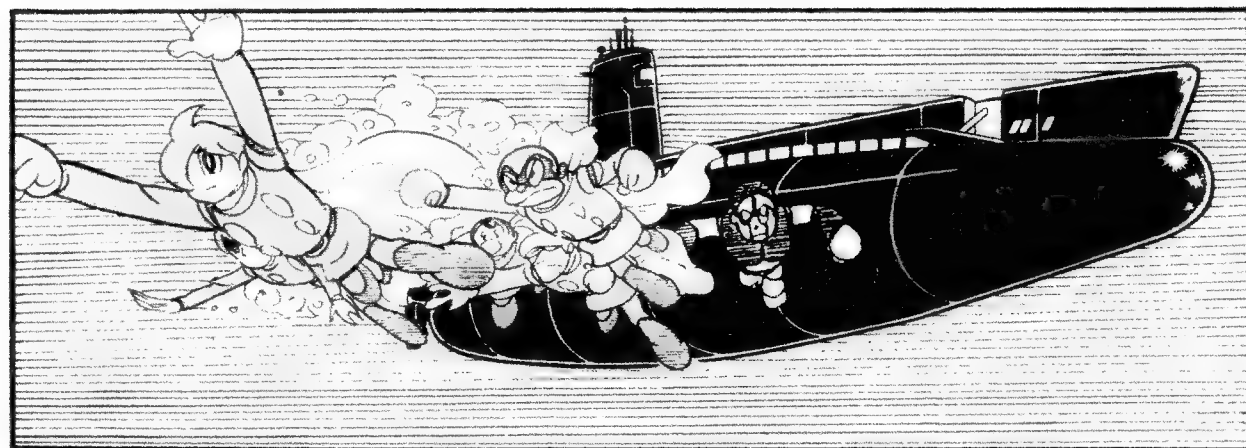
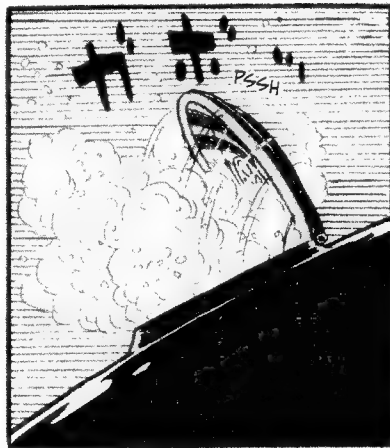
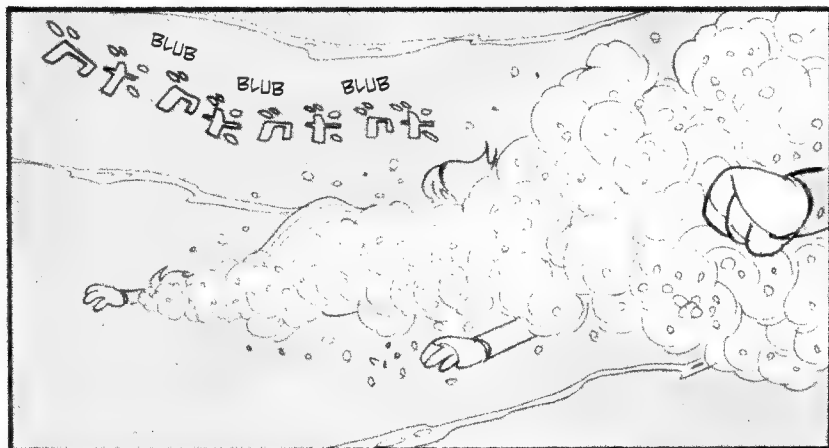
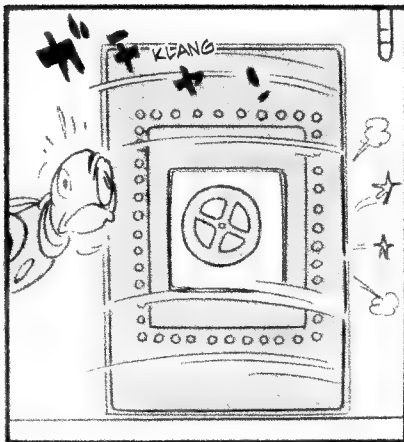
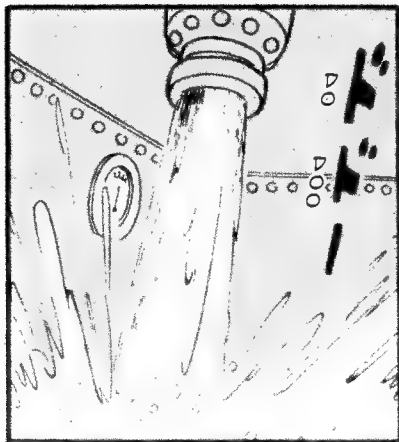


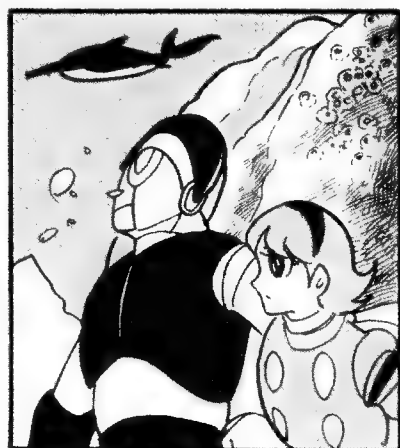
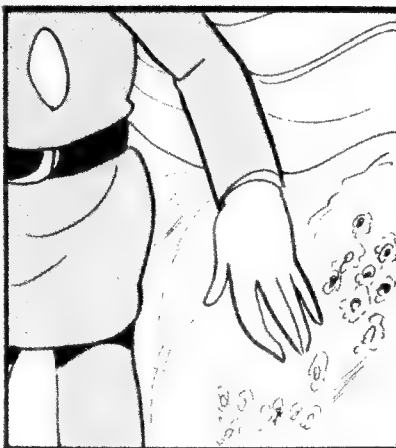
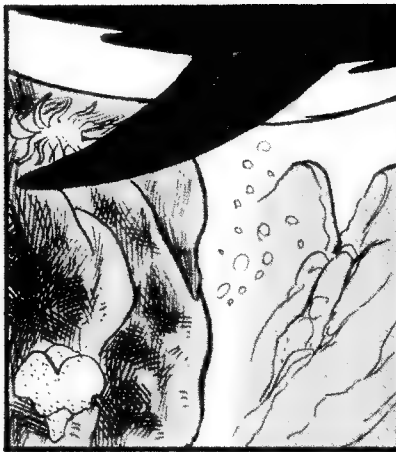


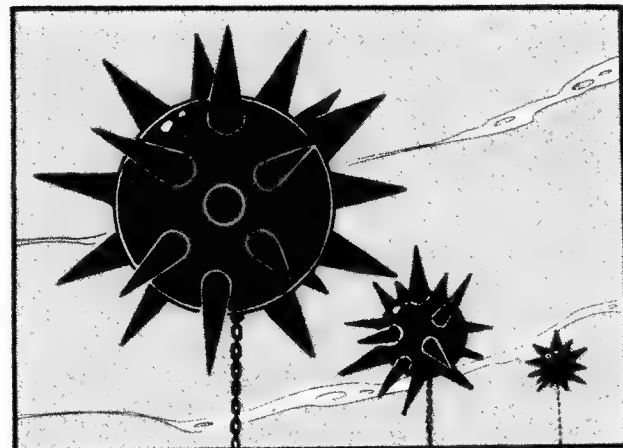
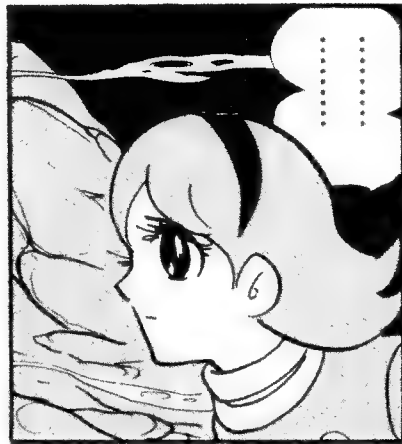
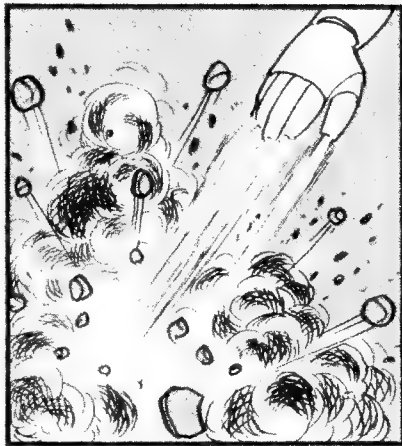
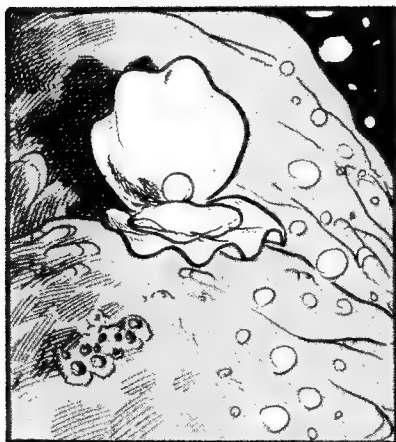


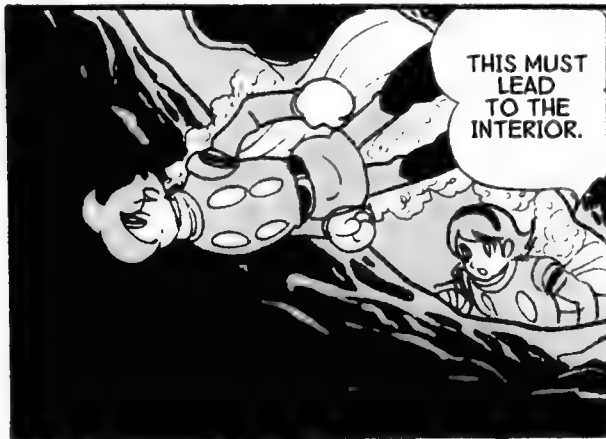
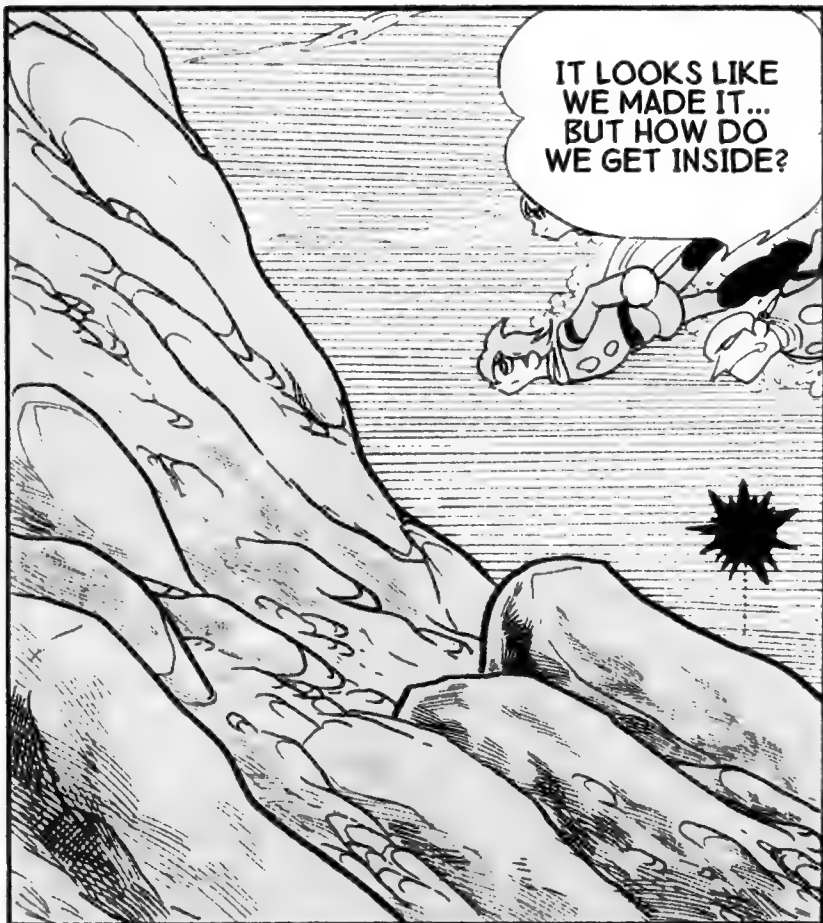
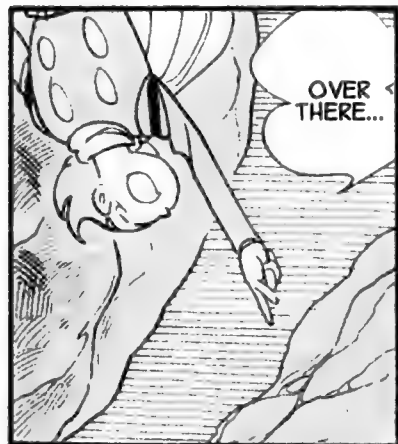
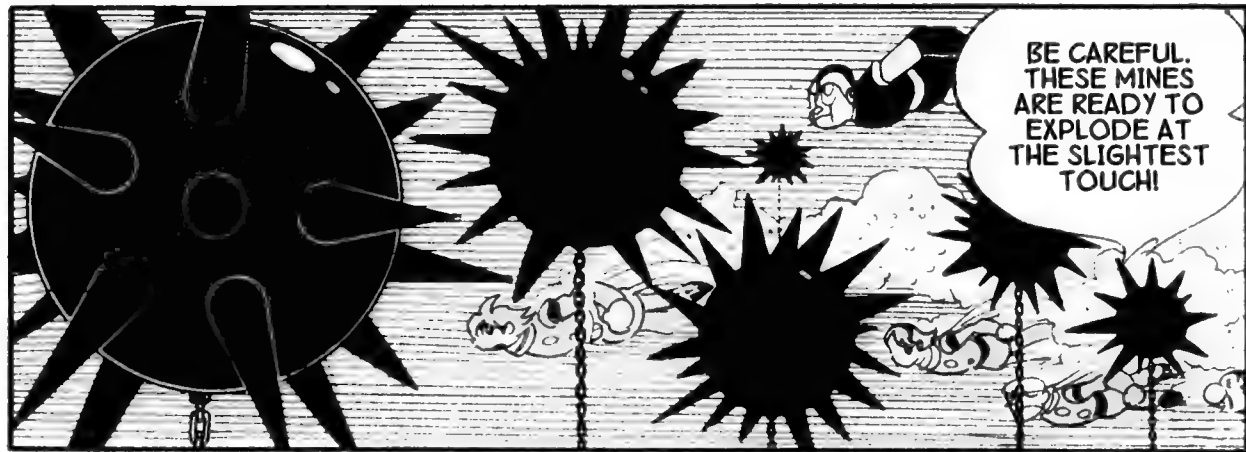


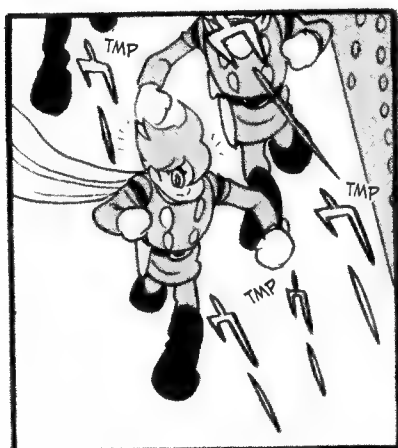
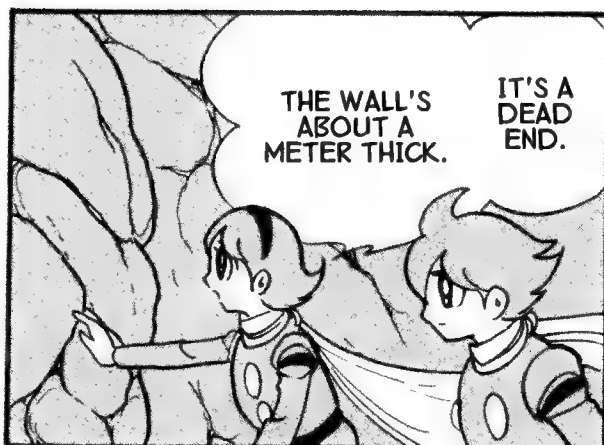


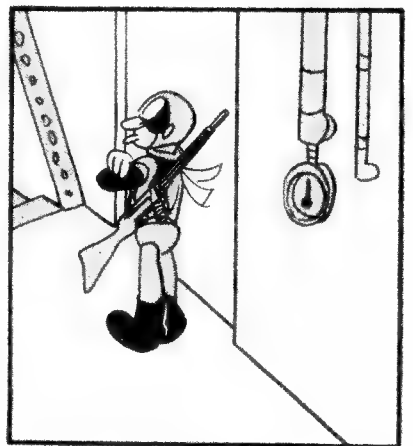
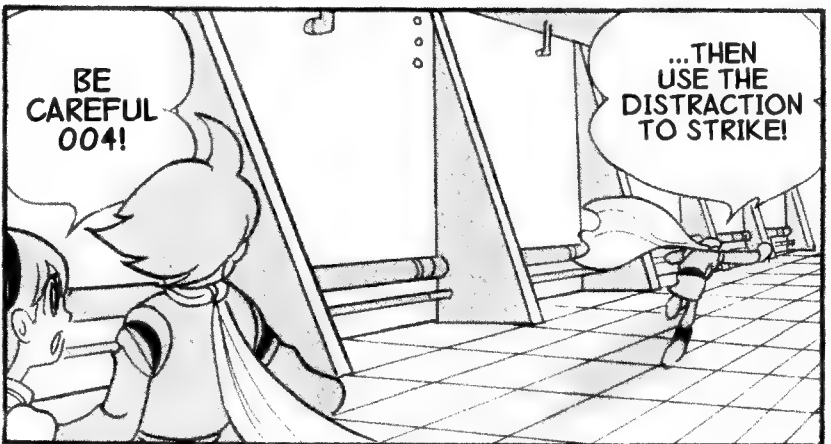
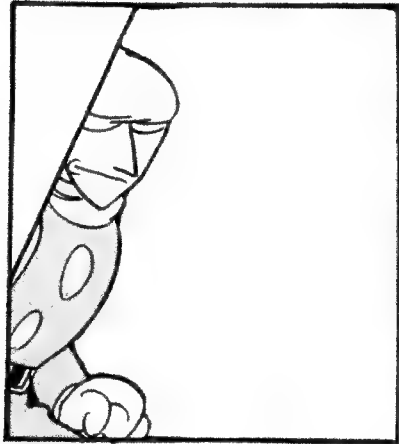


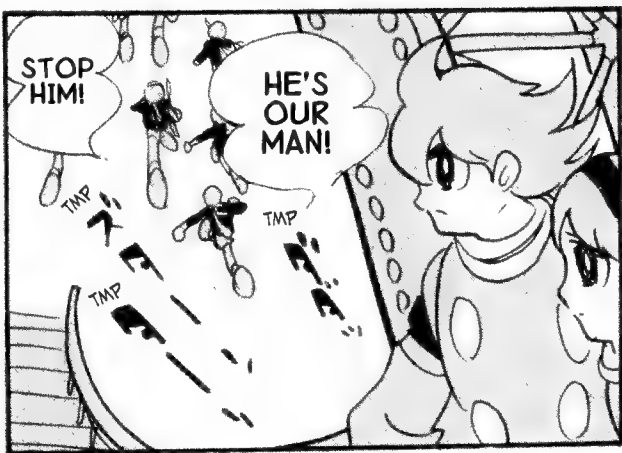
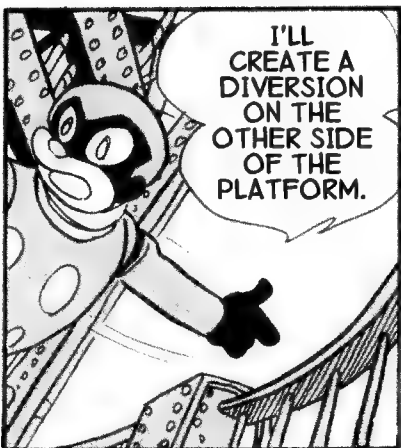
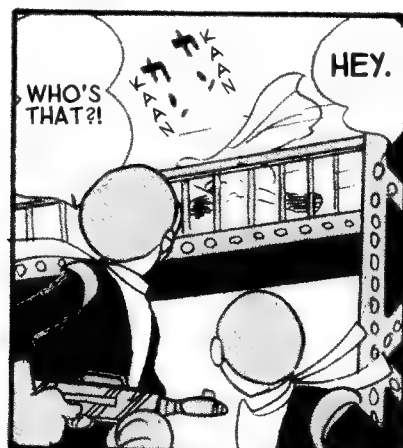
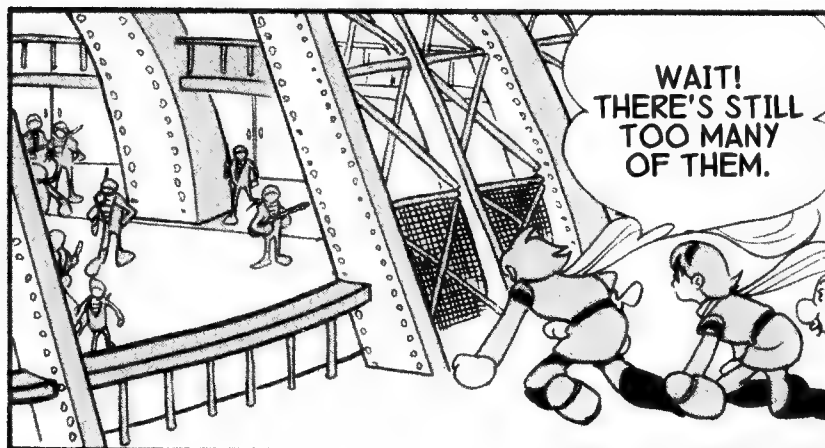
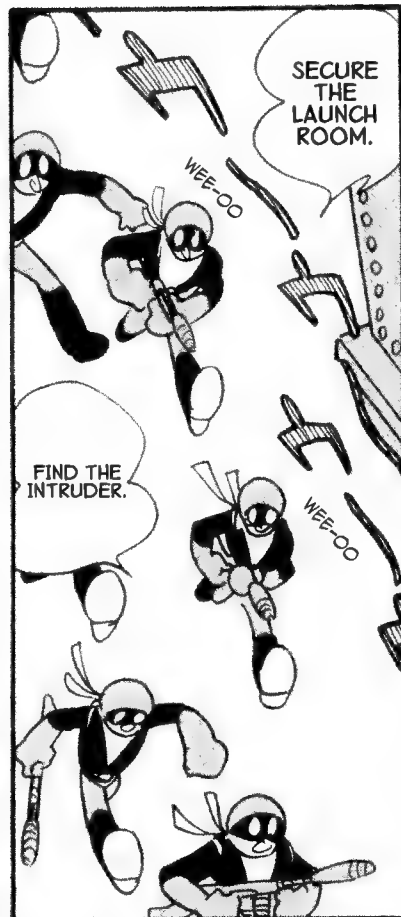
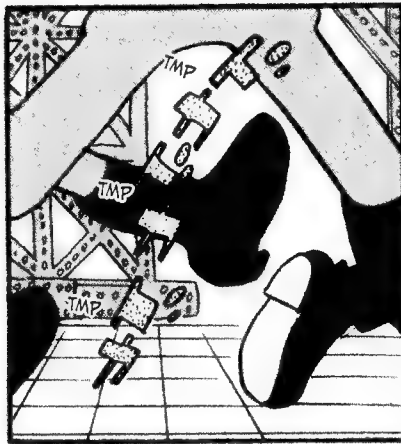


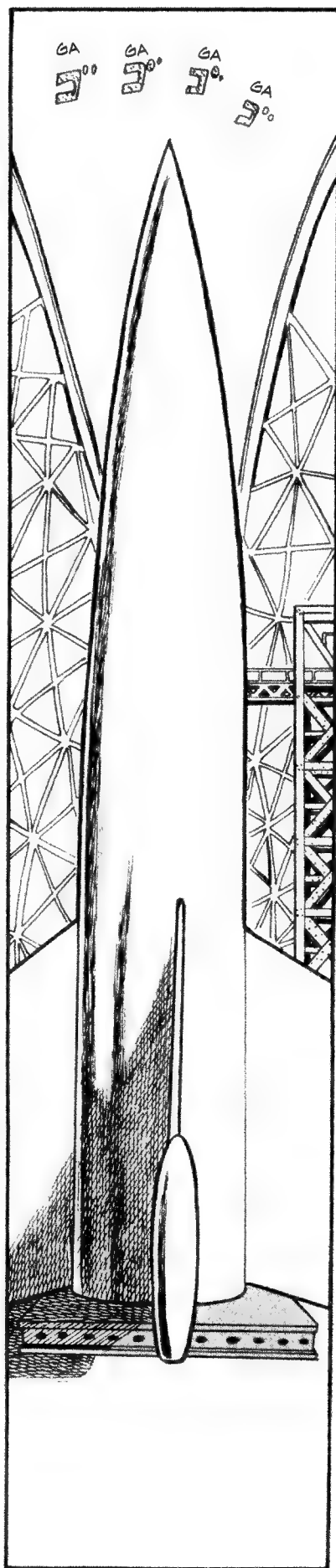
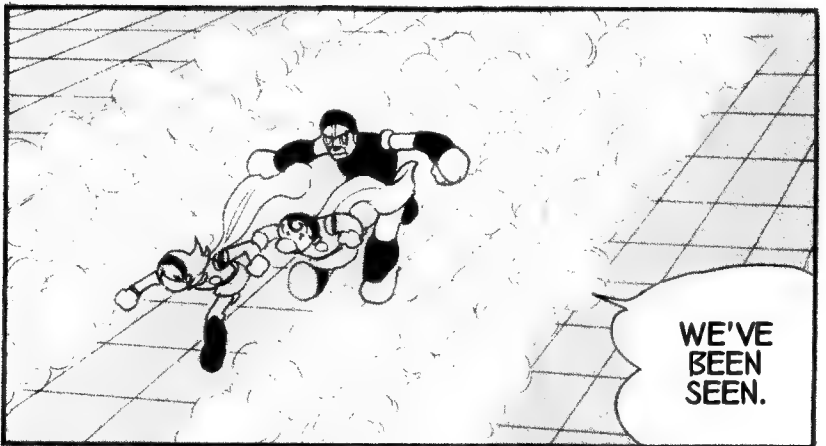
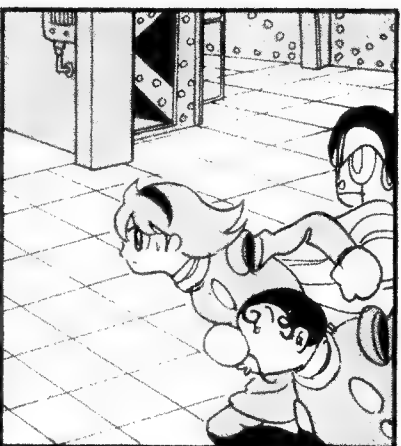
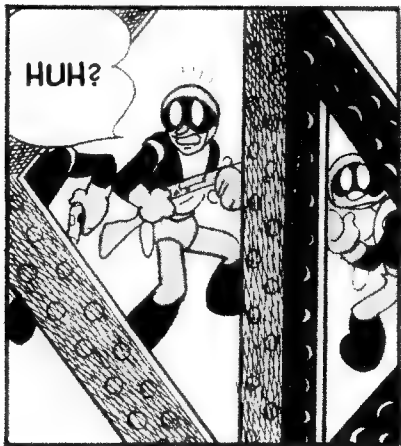
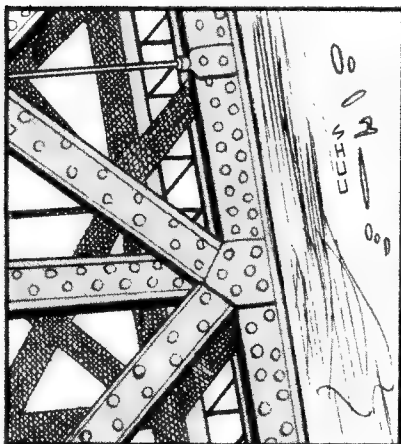
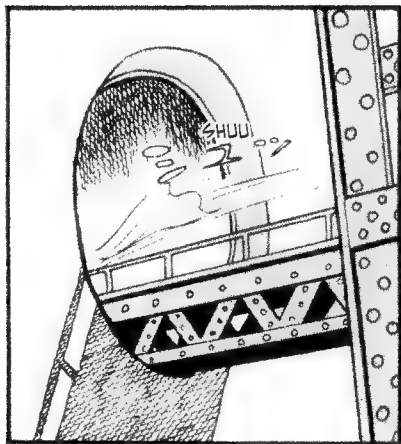


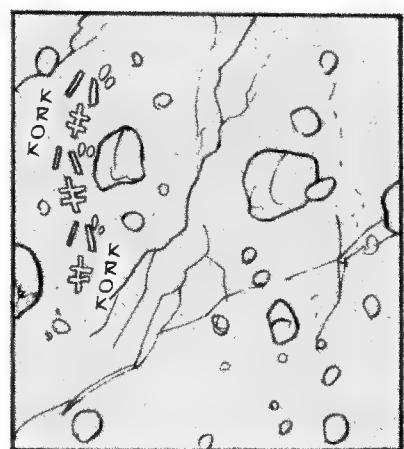
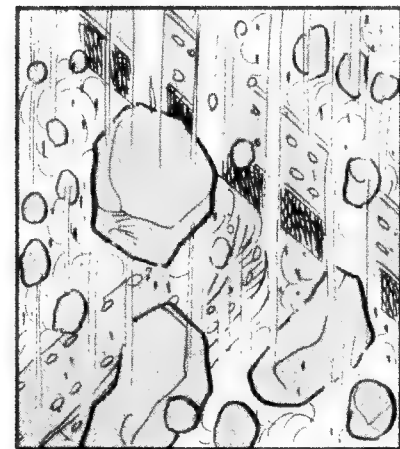
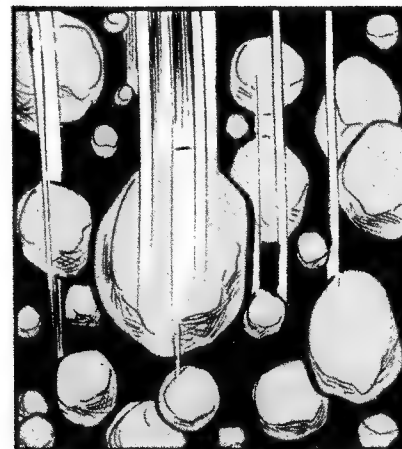
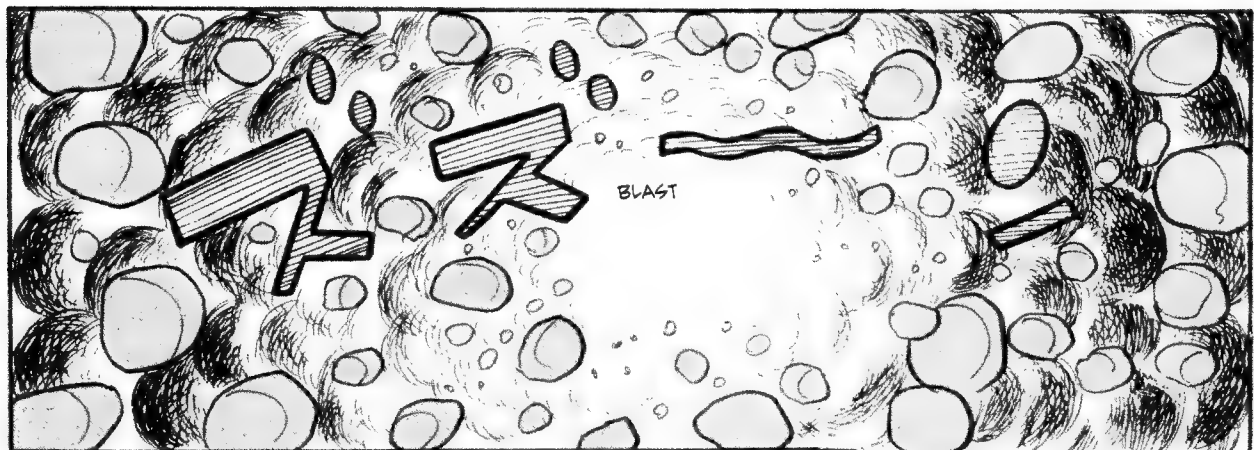
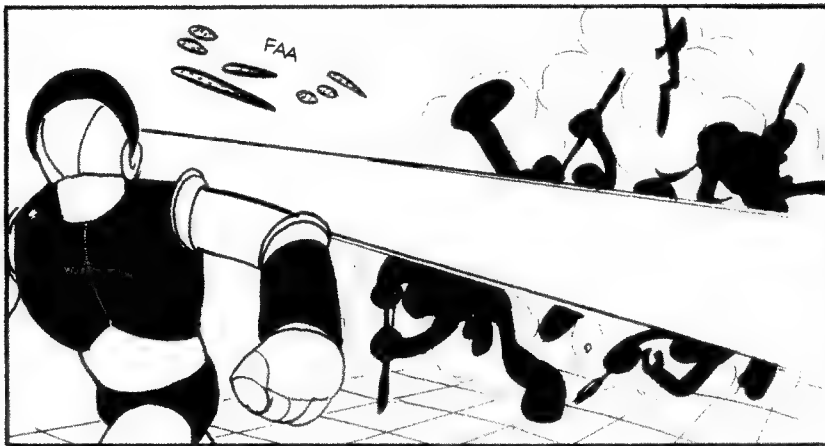


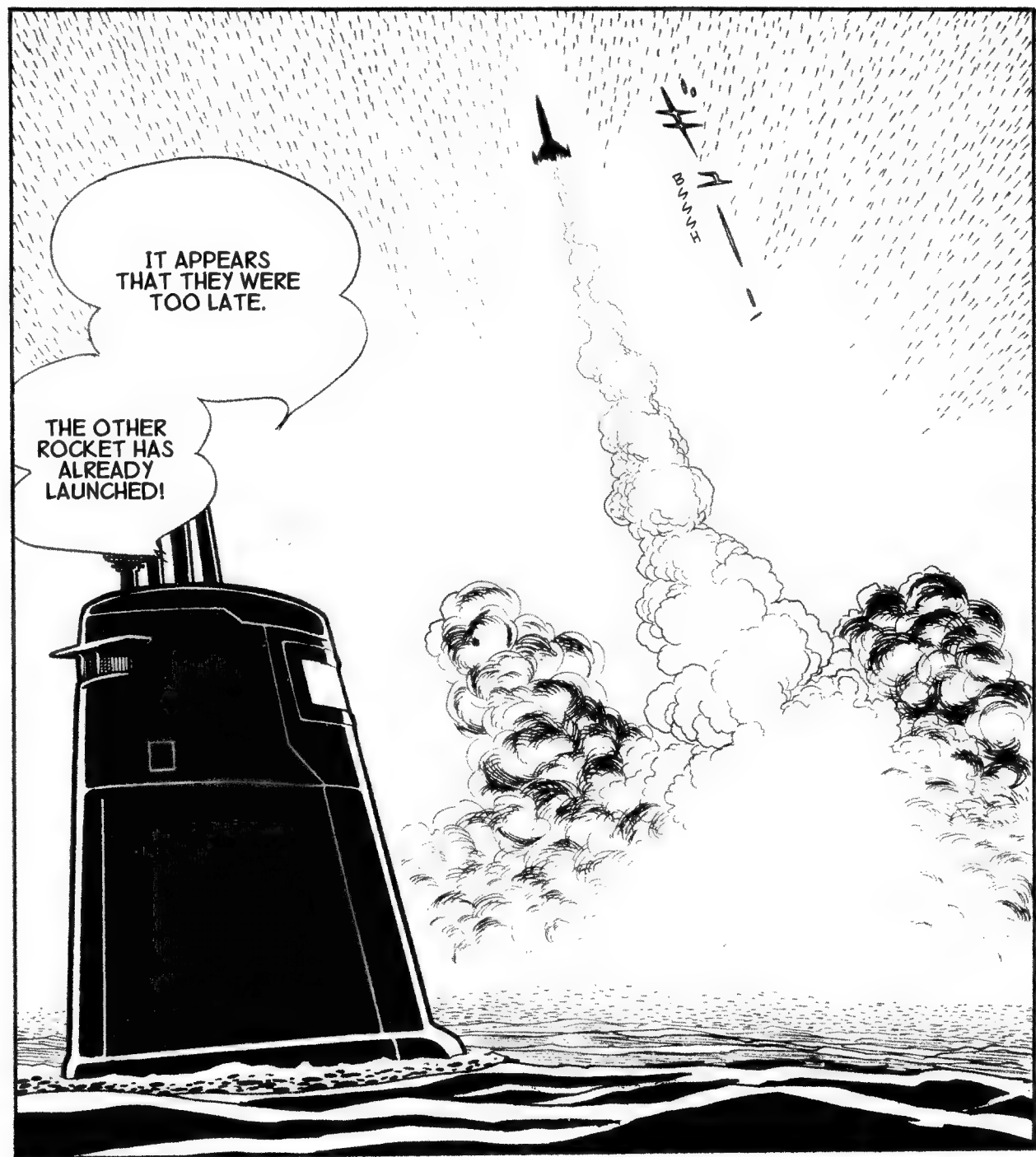
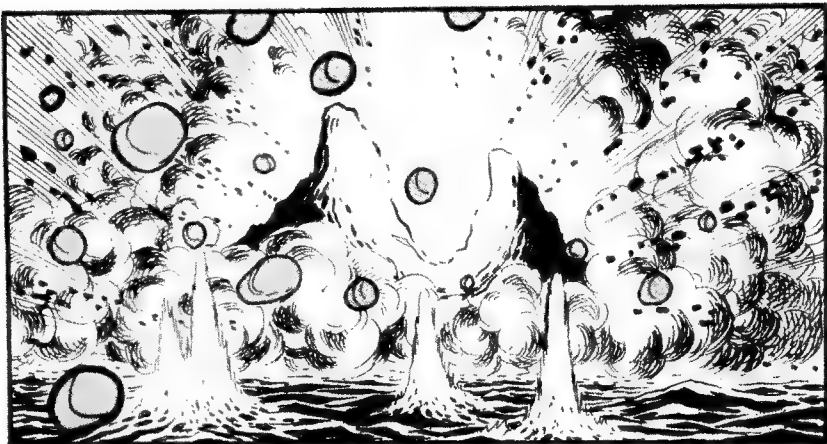
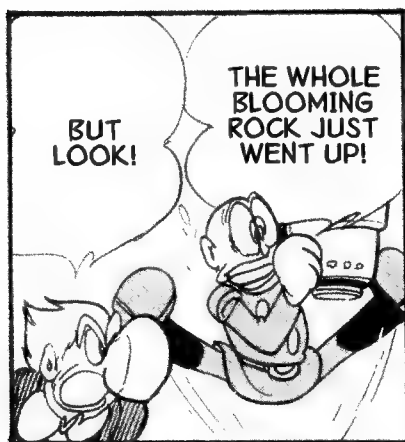


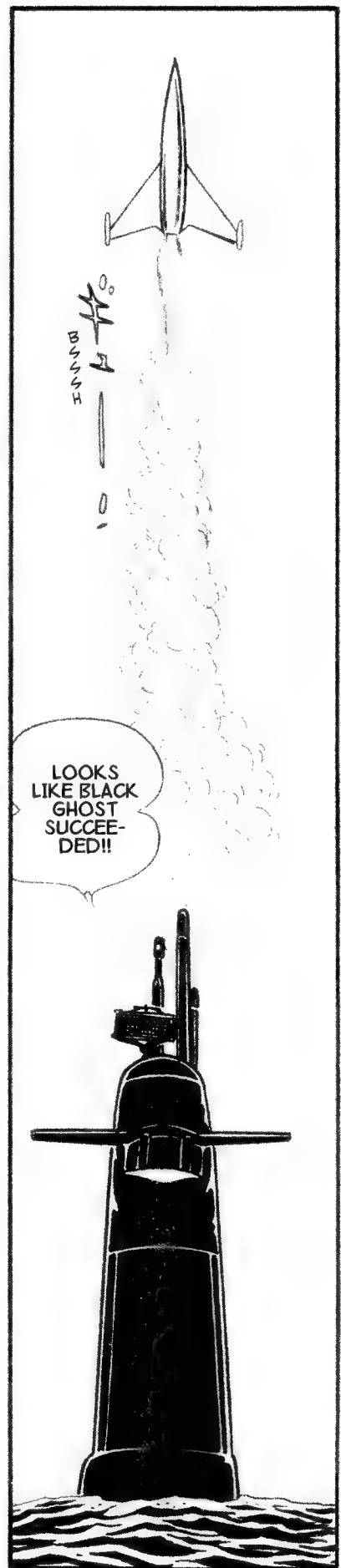
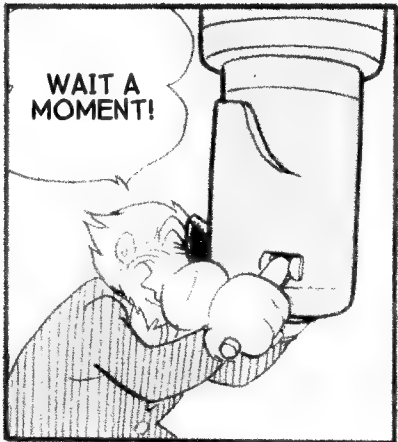
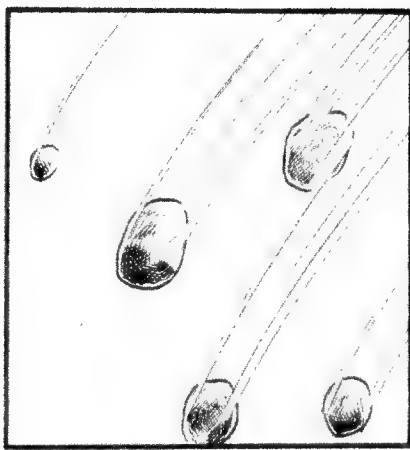
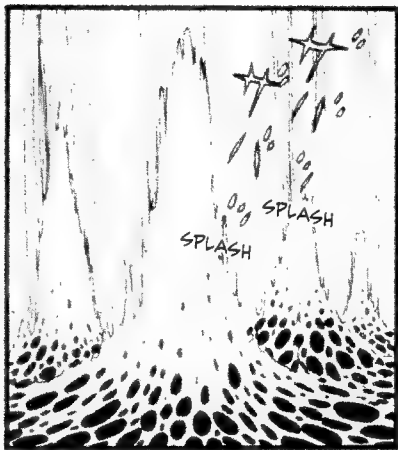


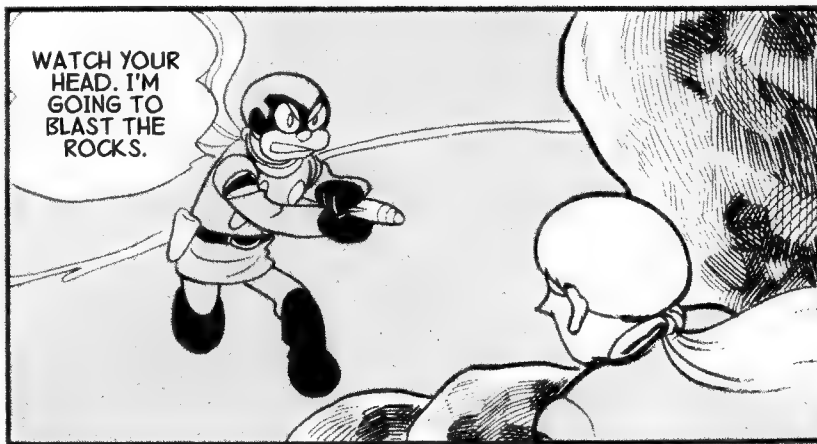
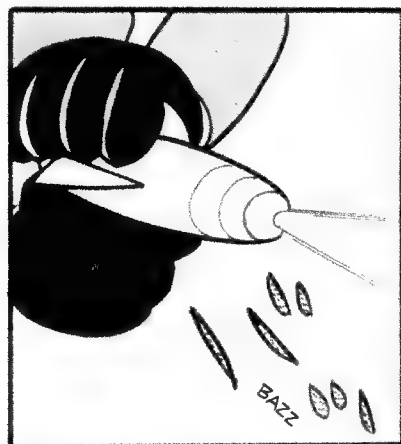
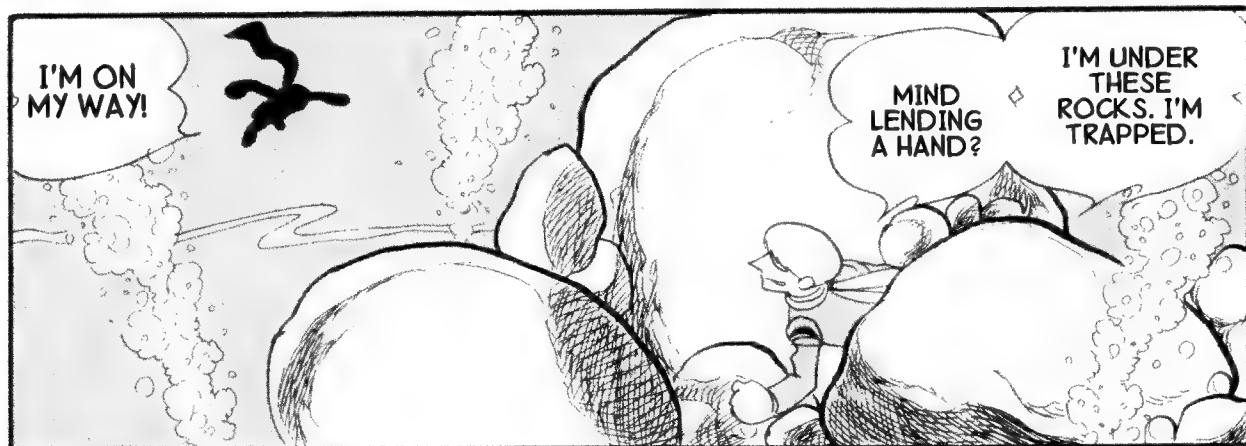
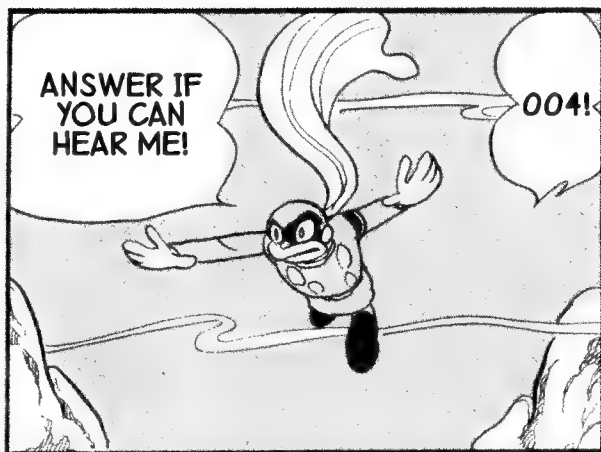


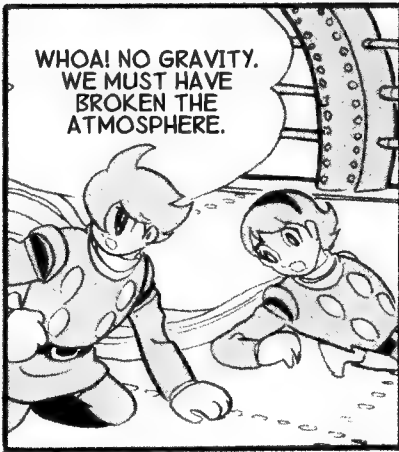
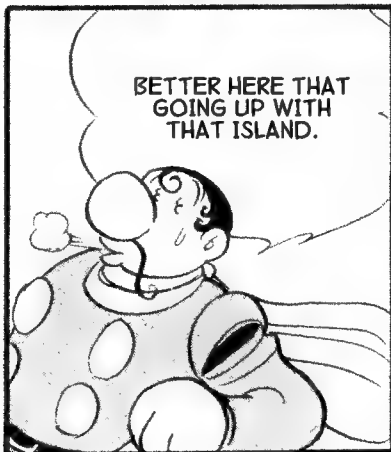
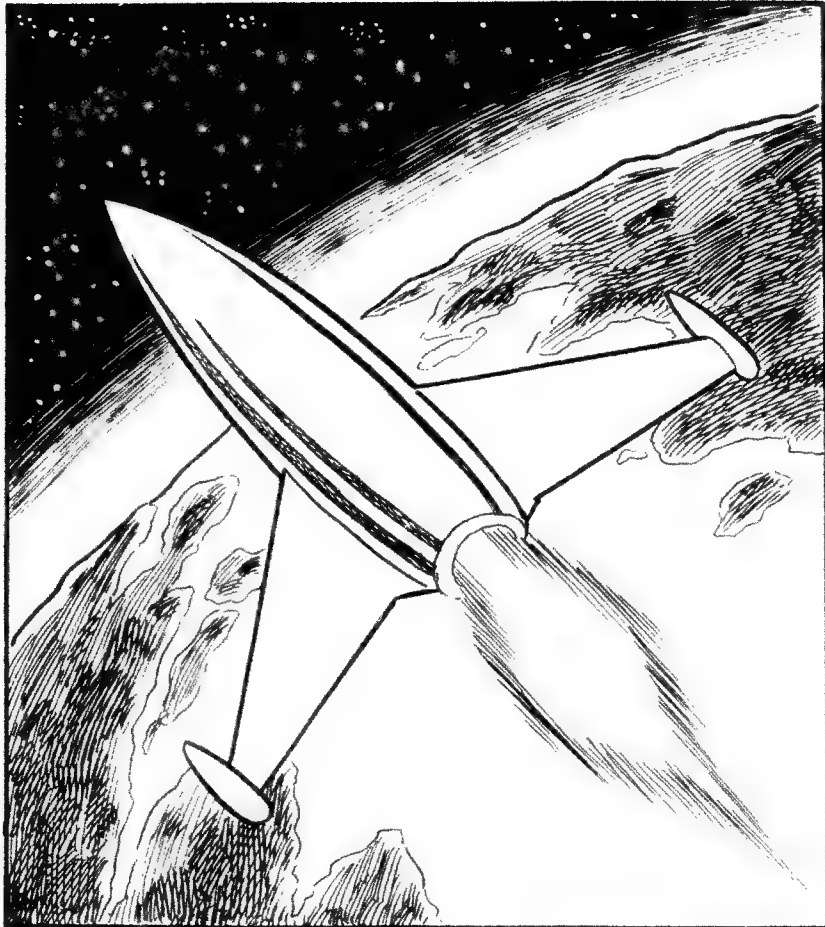
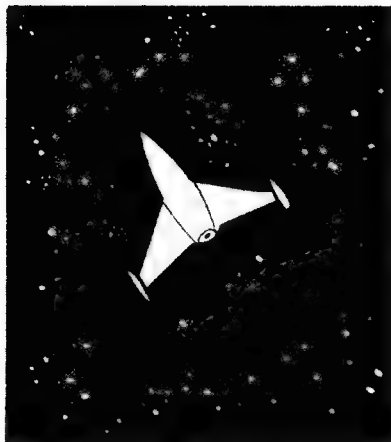


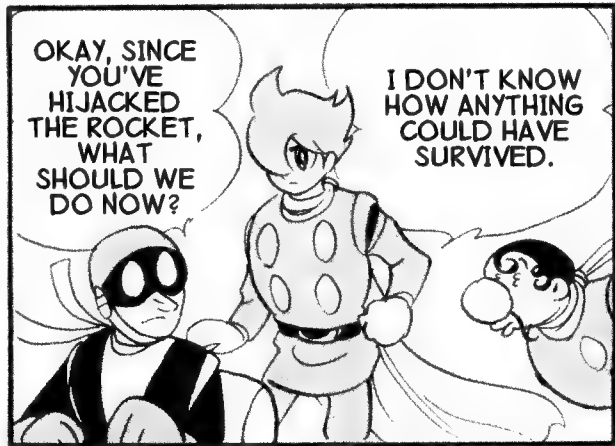
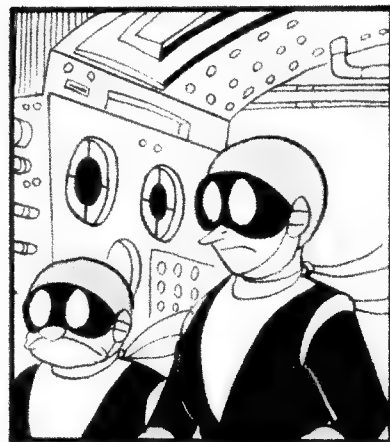
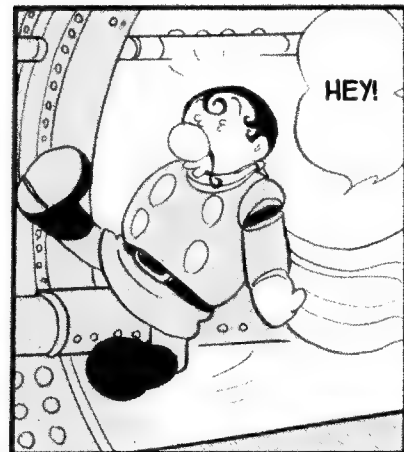
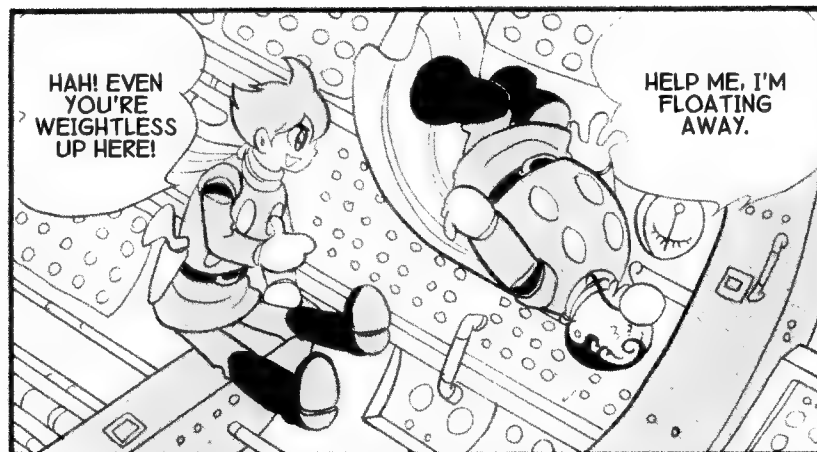


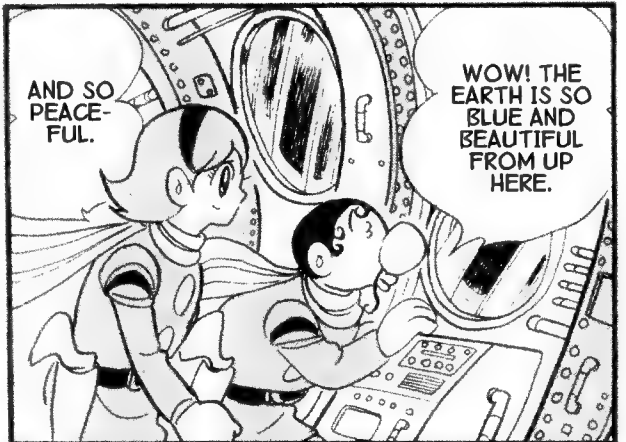
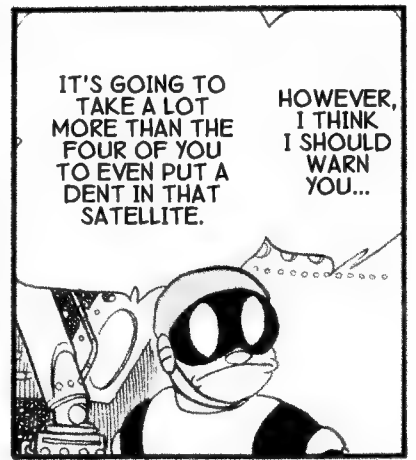


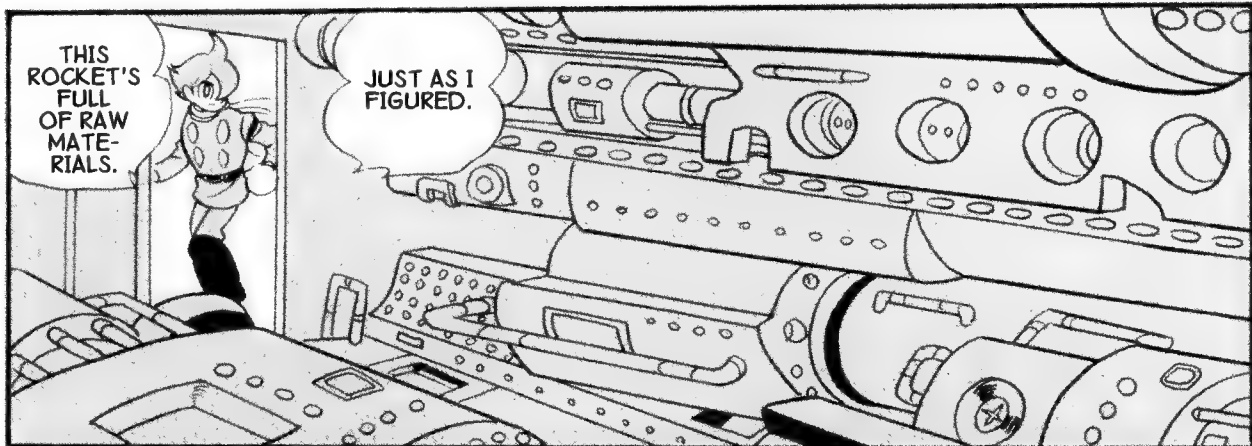
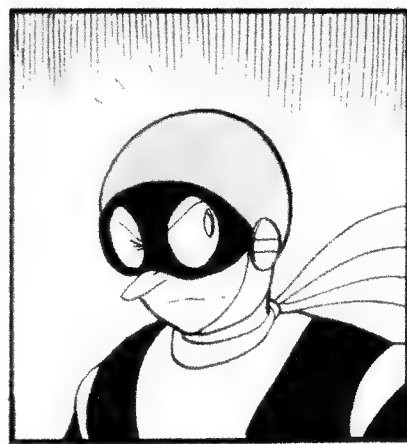


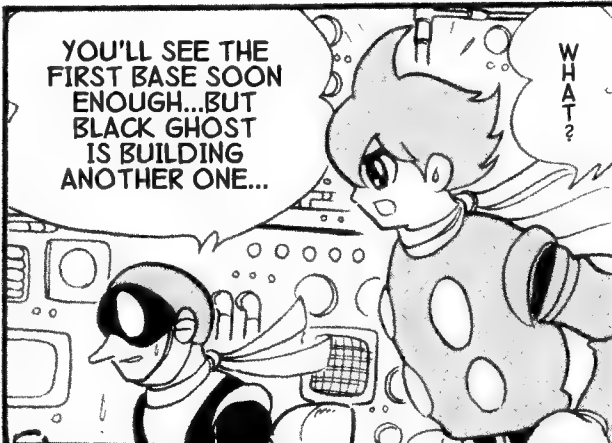
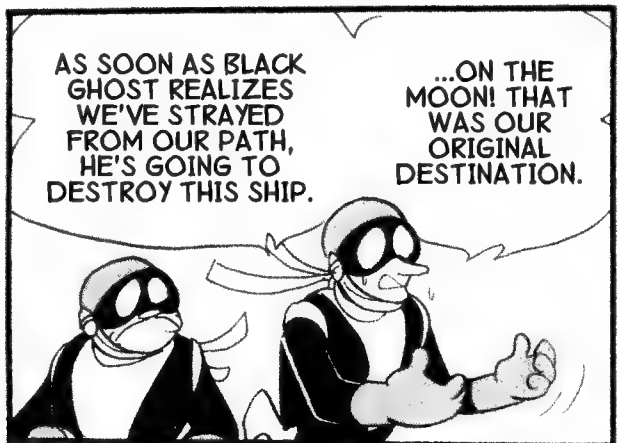
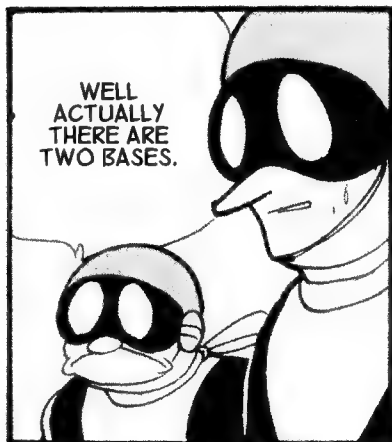
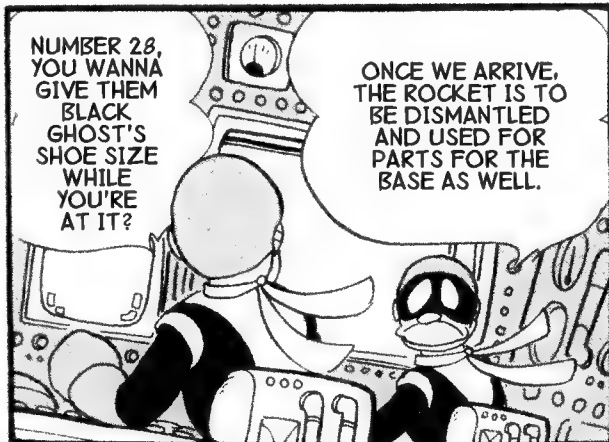
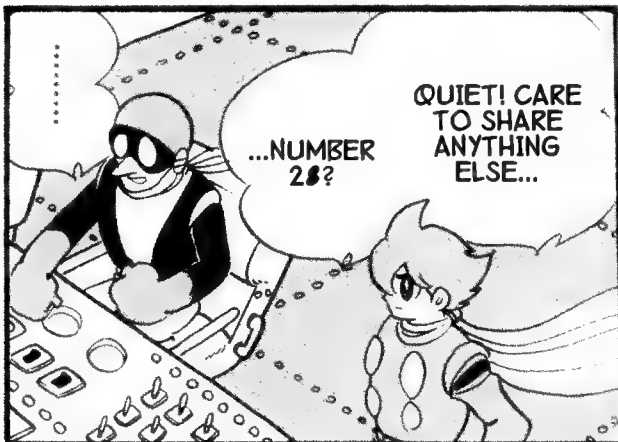
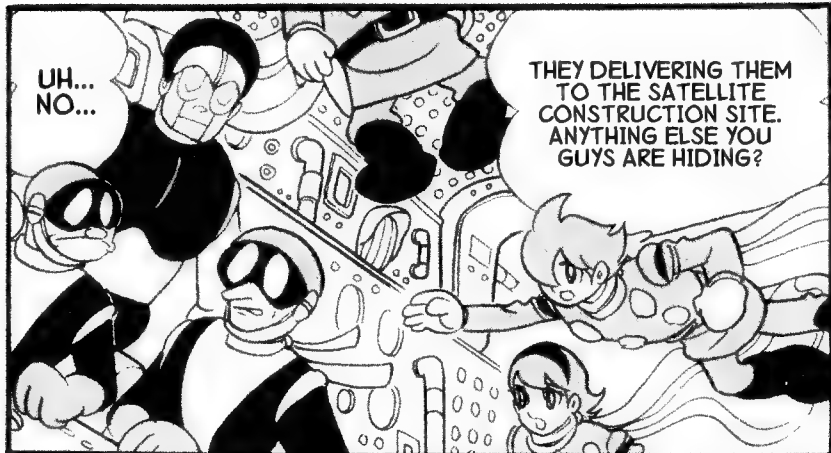
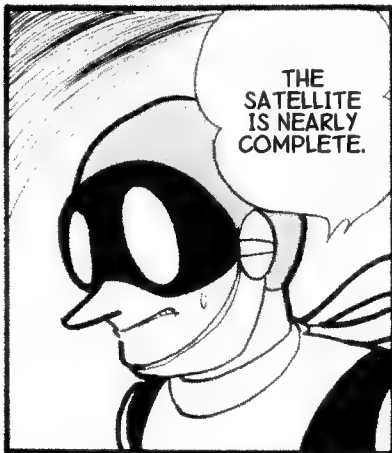


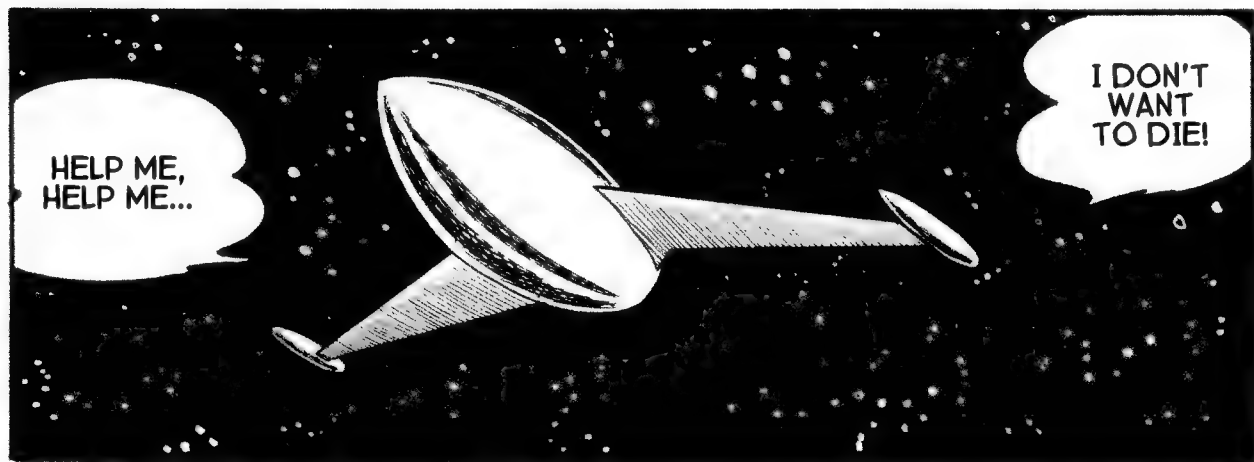
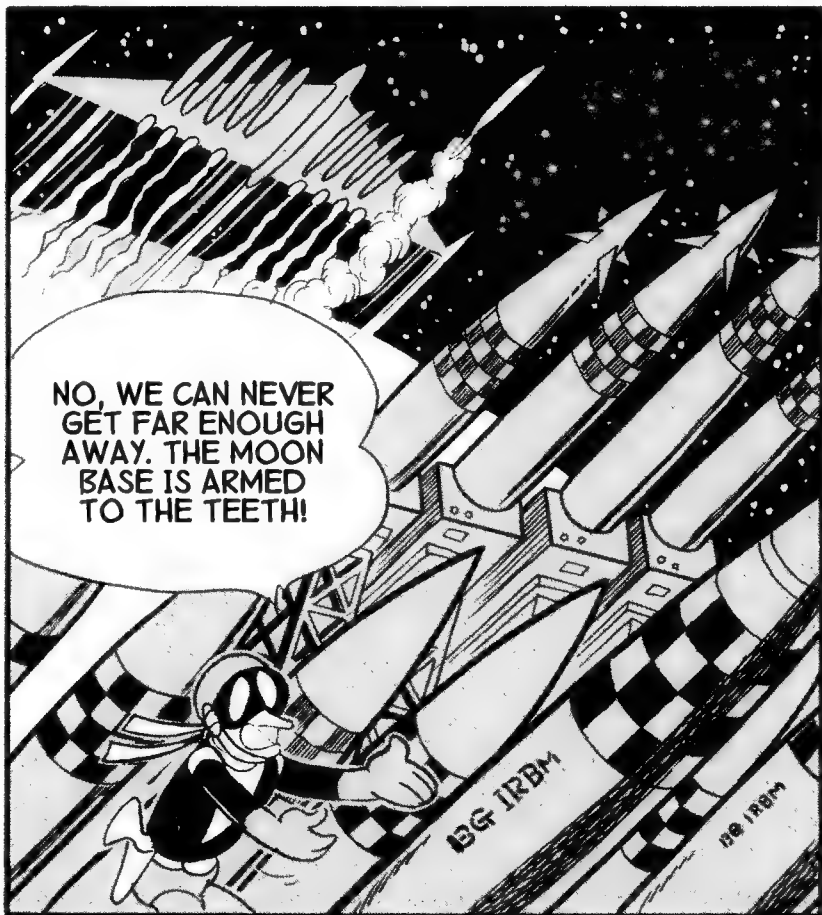


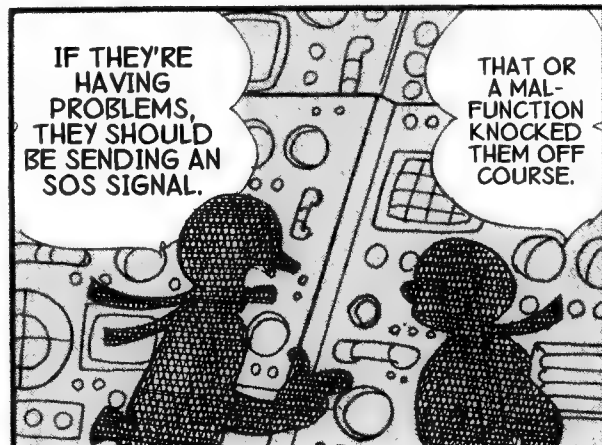
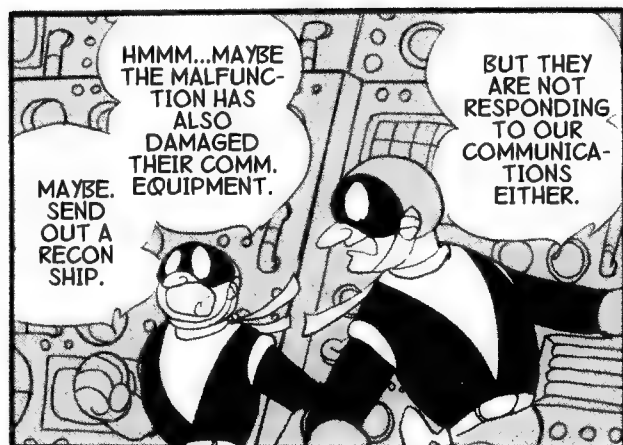
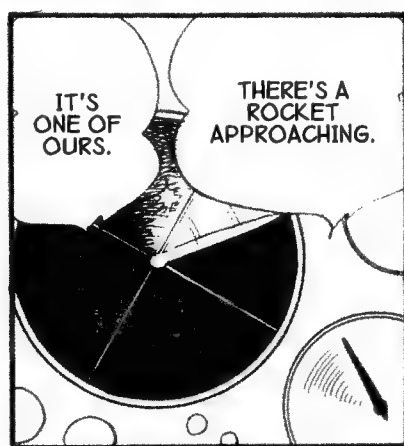
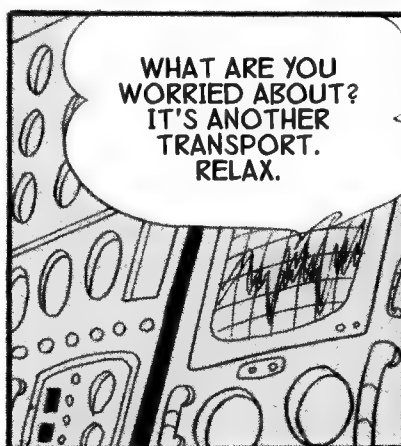
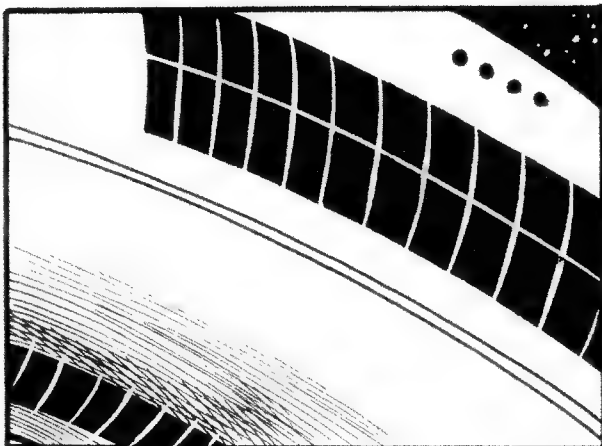
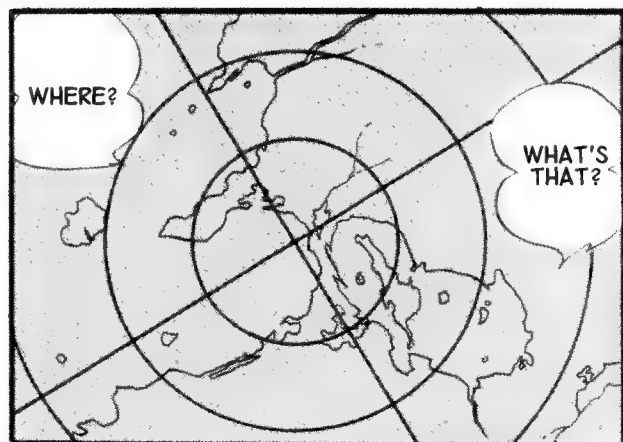
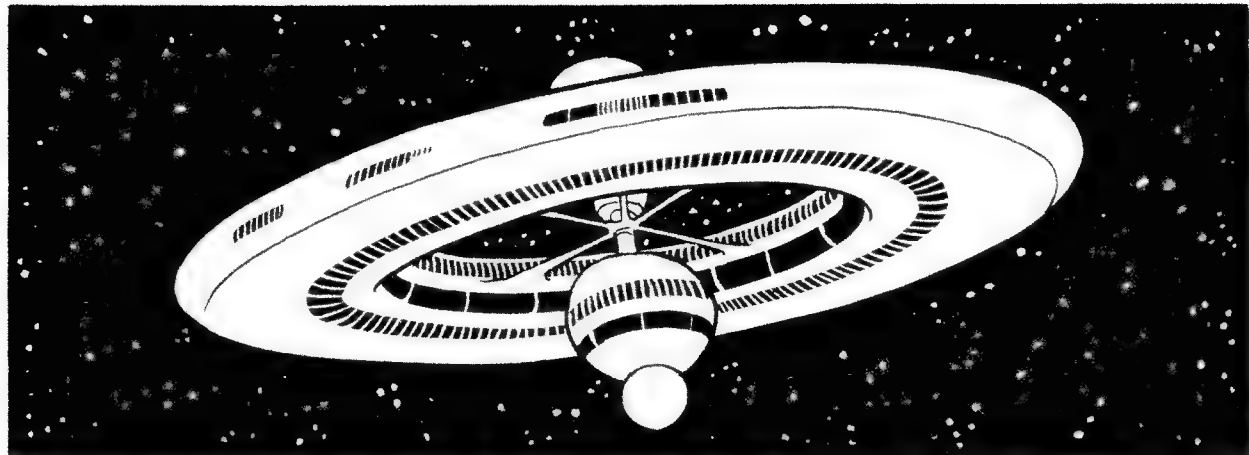




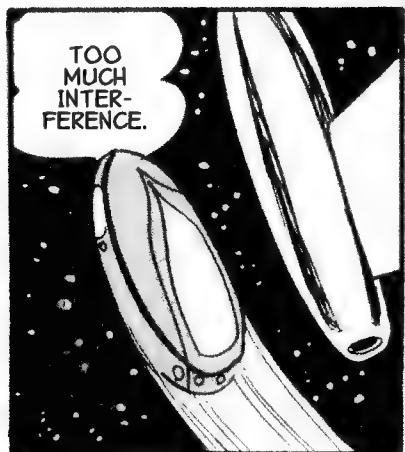


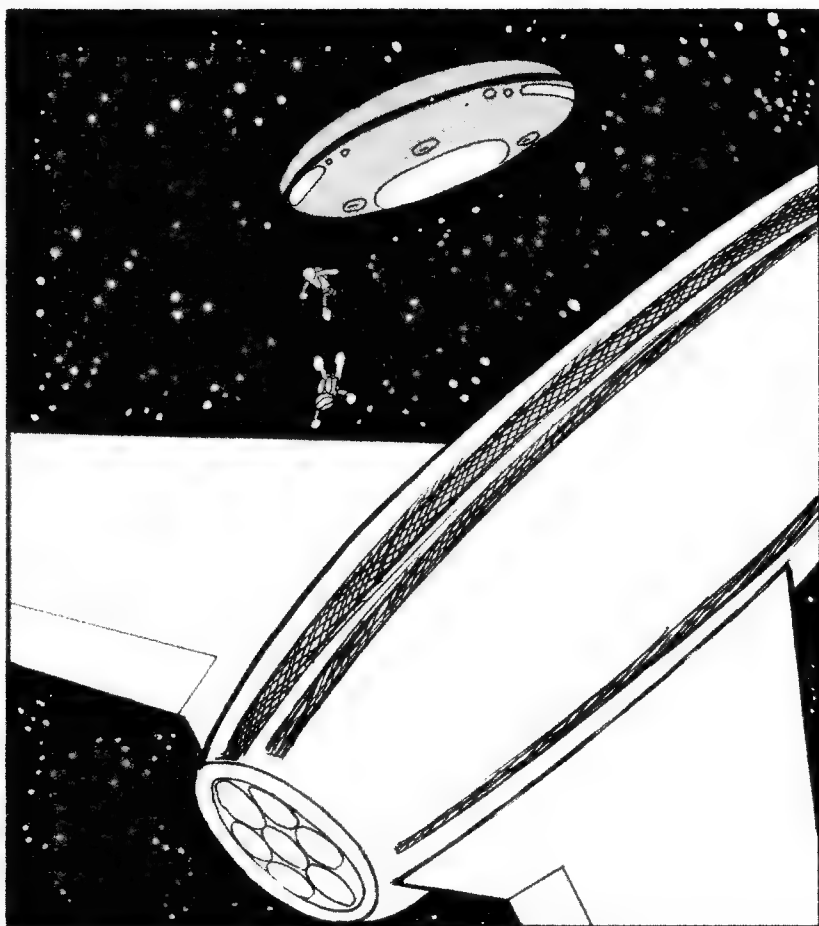
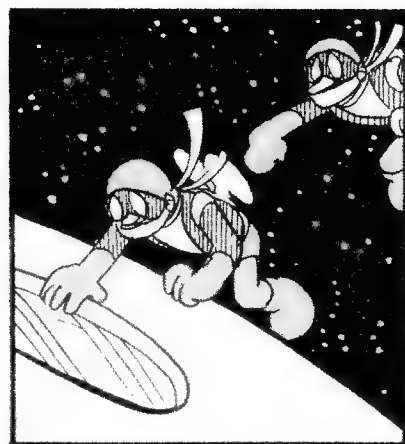
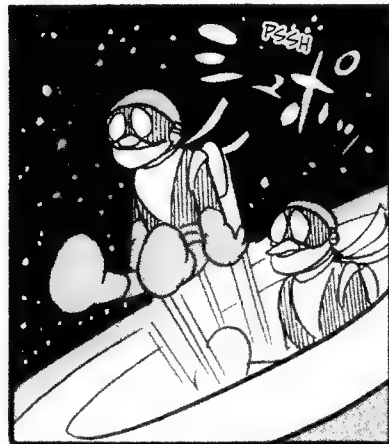
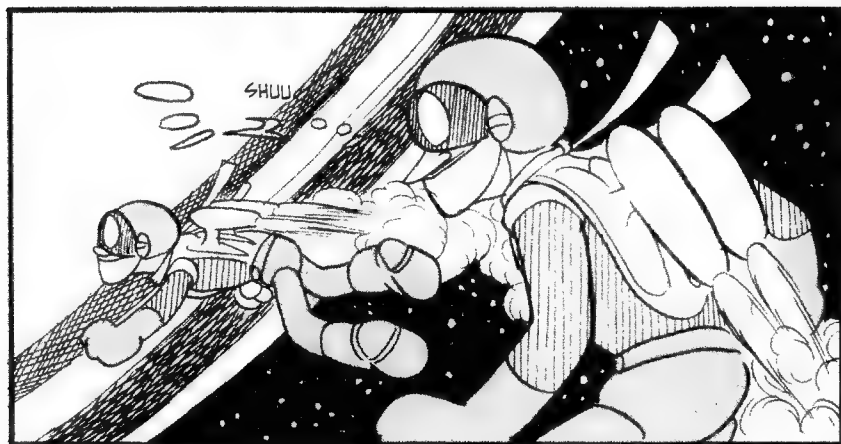
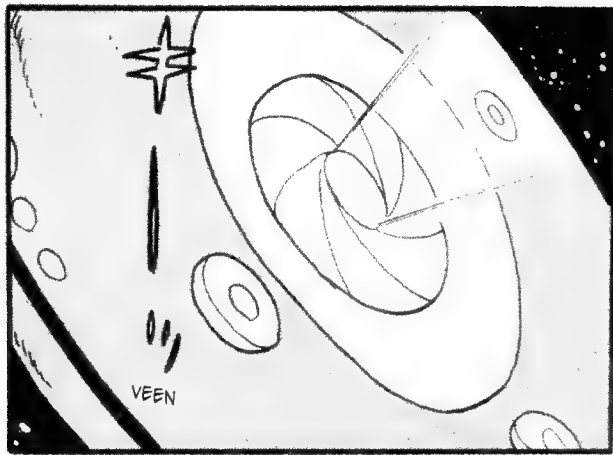


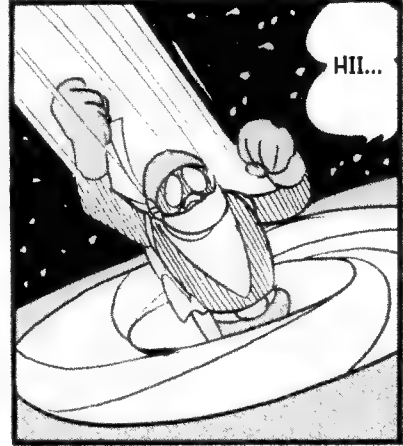
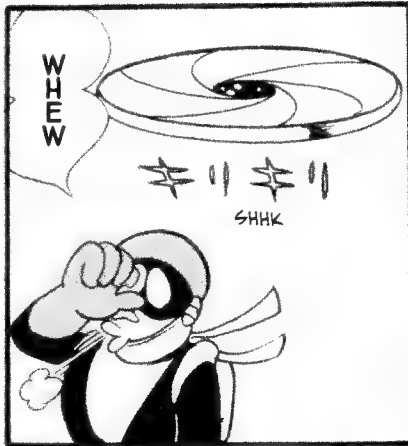
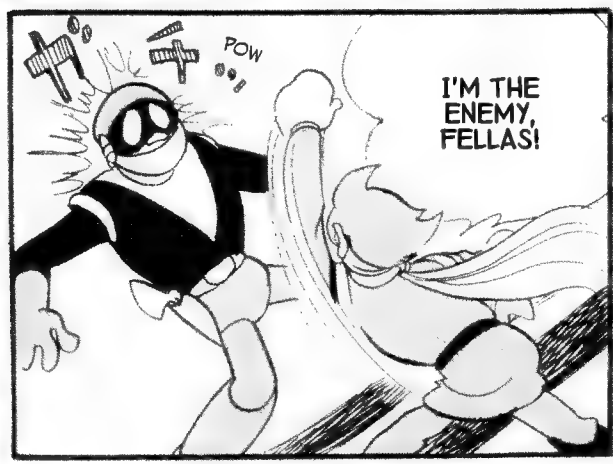
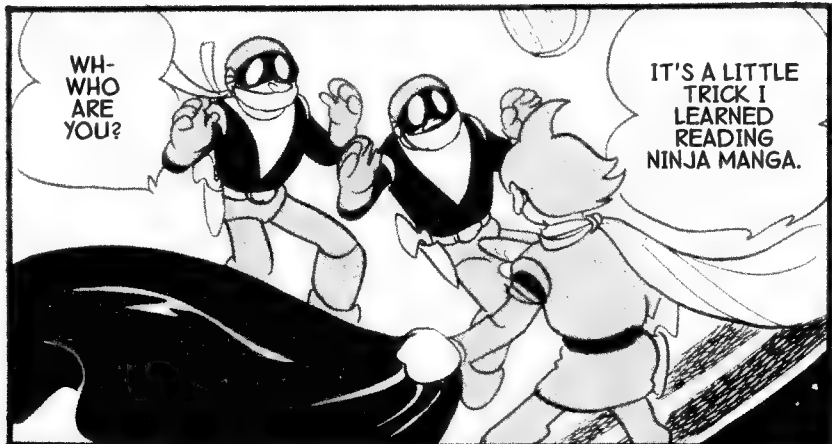
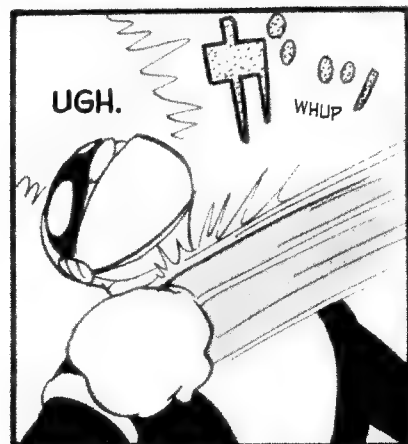


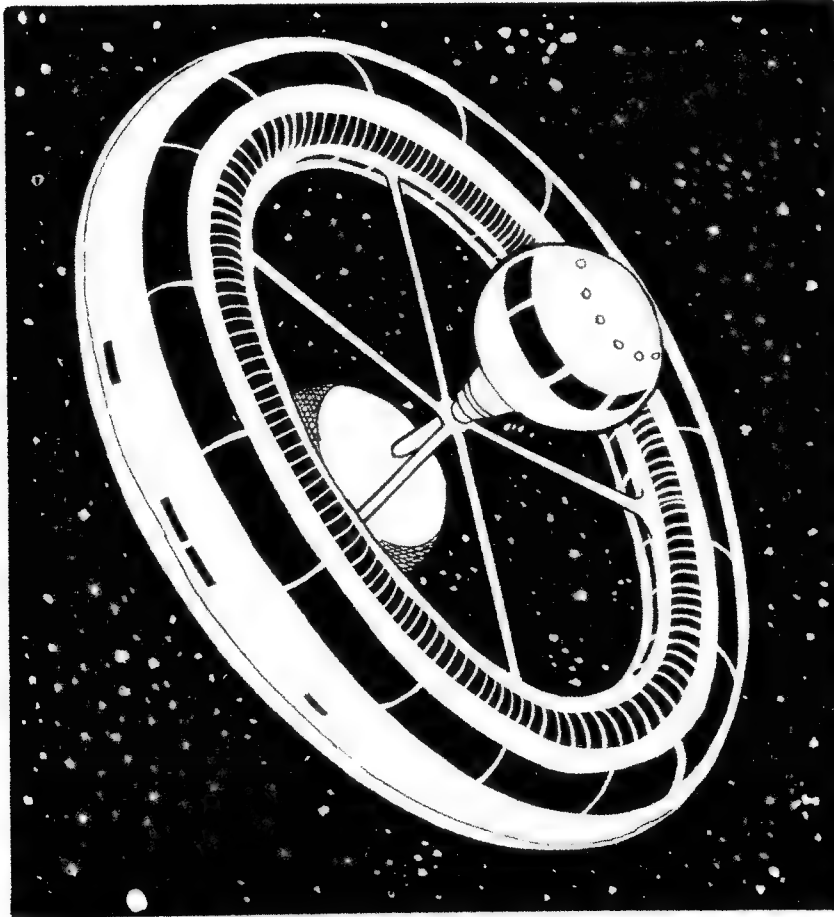
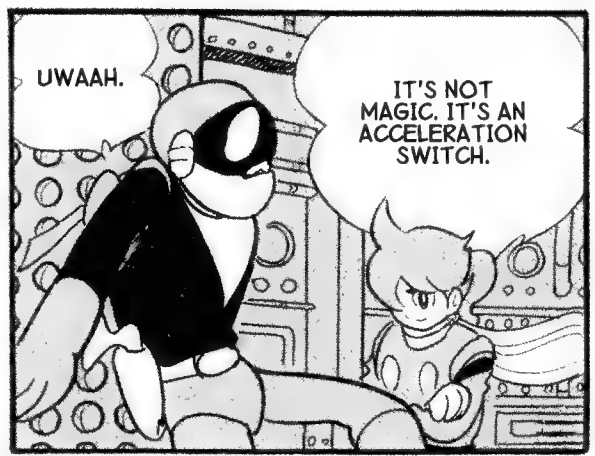
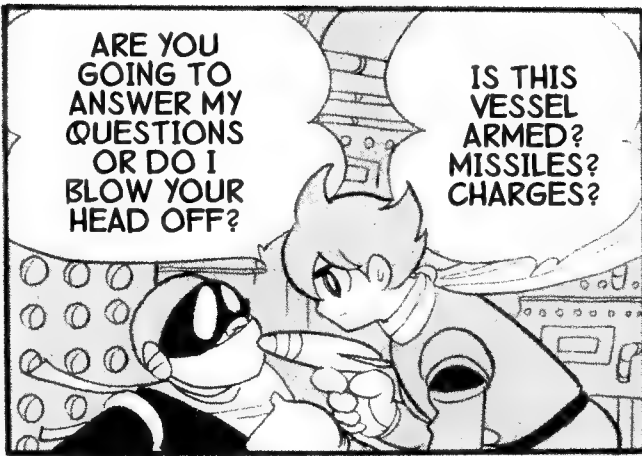


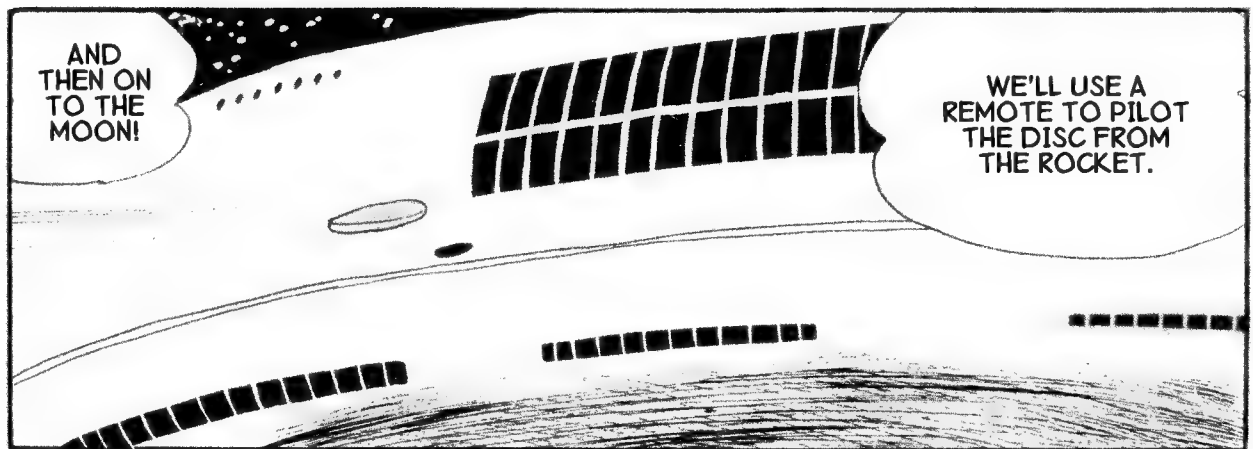
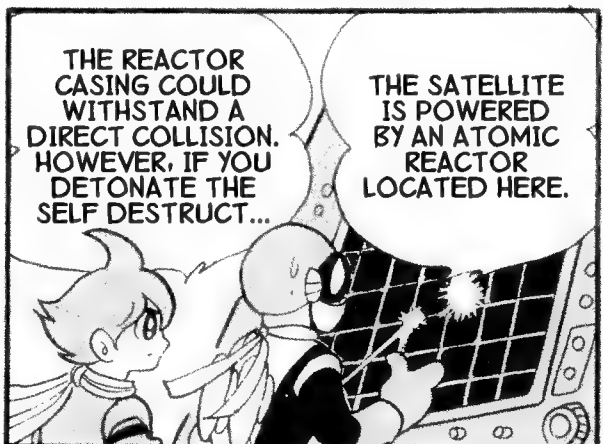
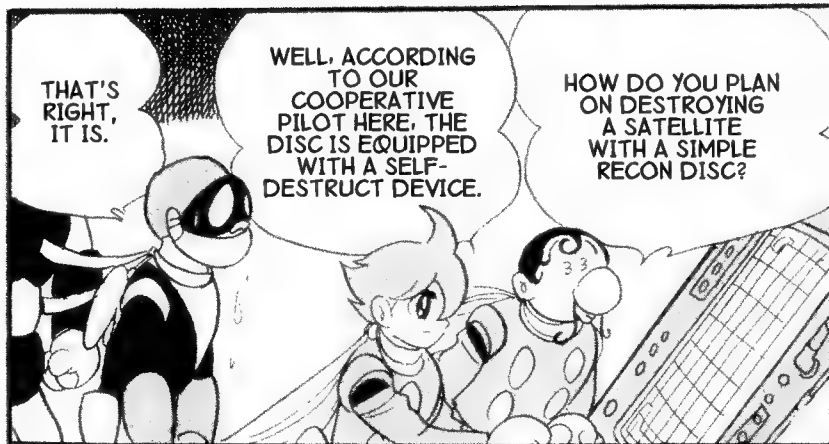
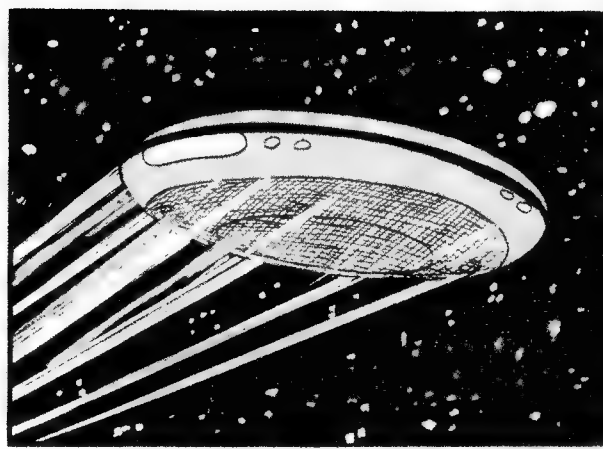
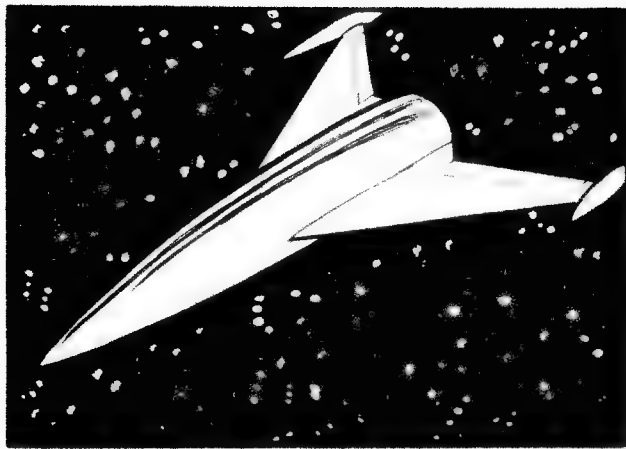
THAT OR
A MAL-
FUNCTION
KNOCKED
THEM OFF
COURSE.

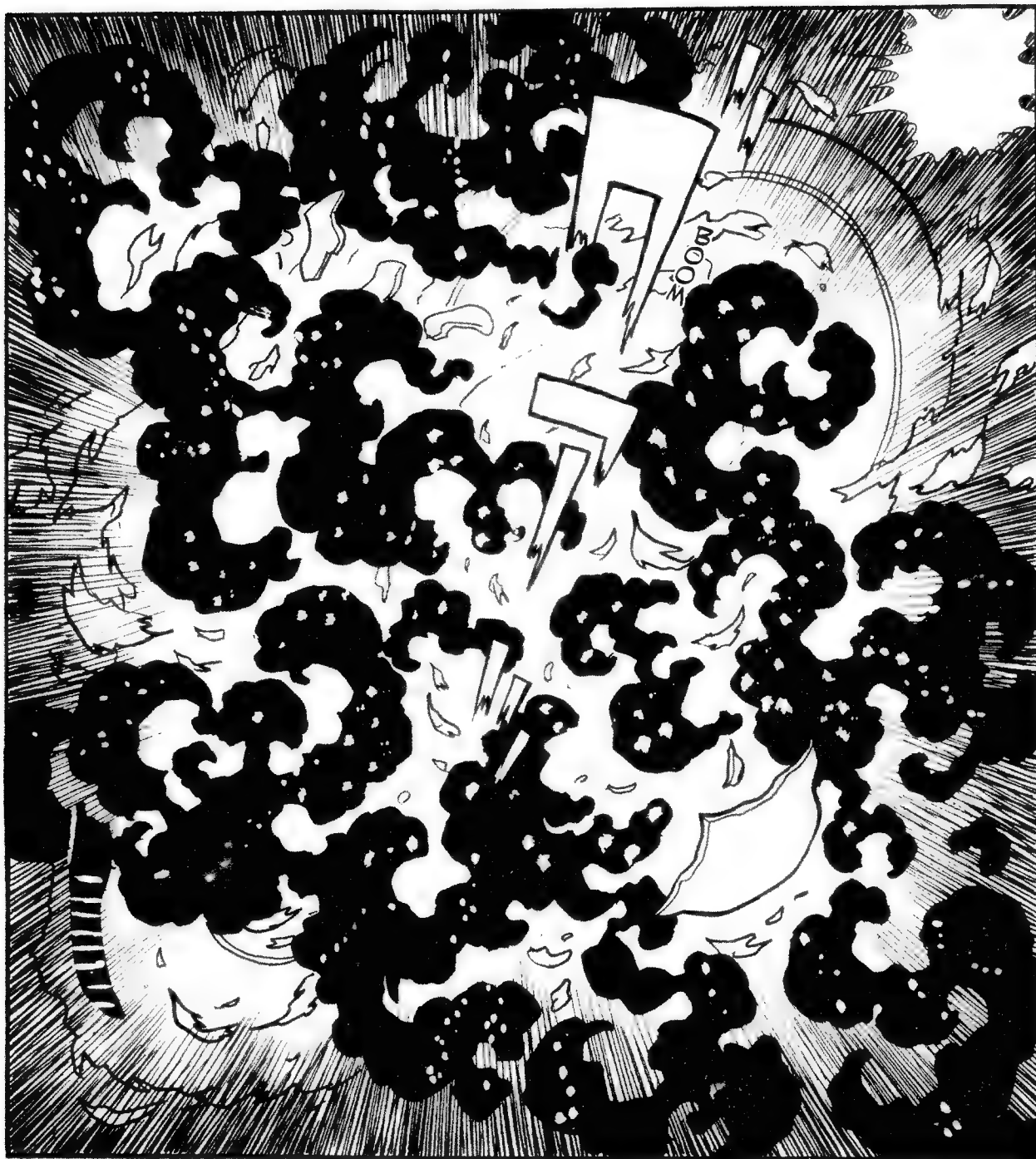
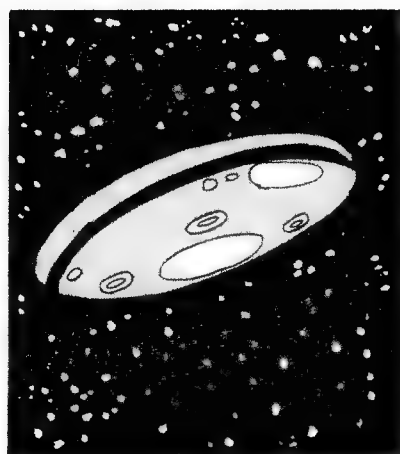
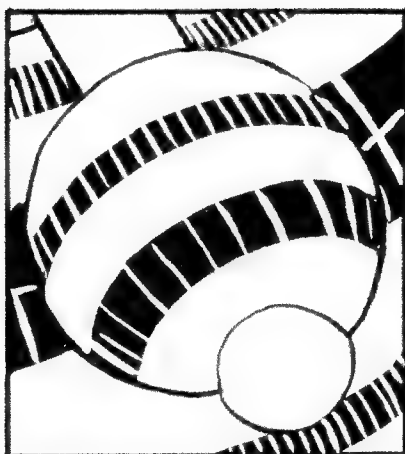


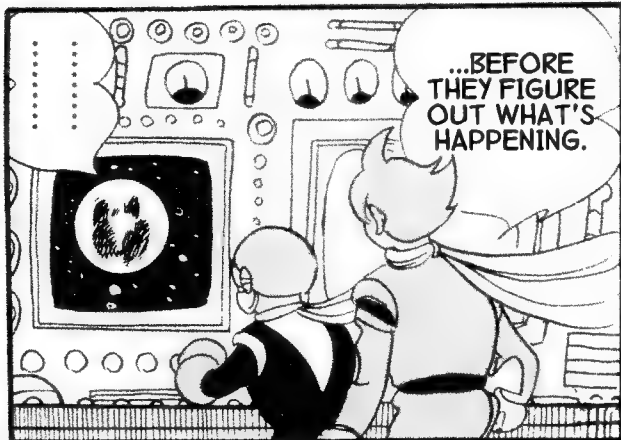
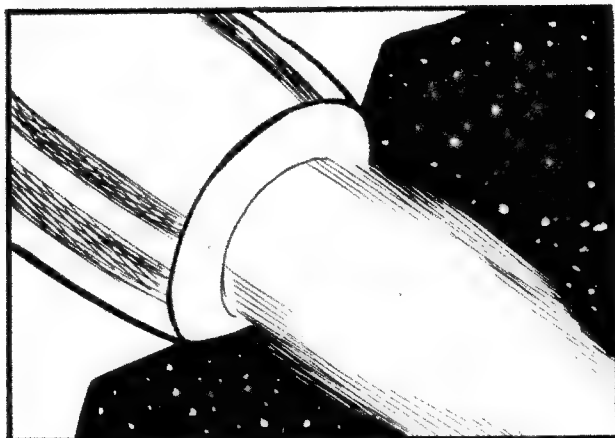
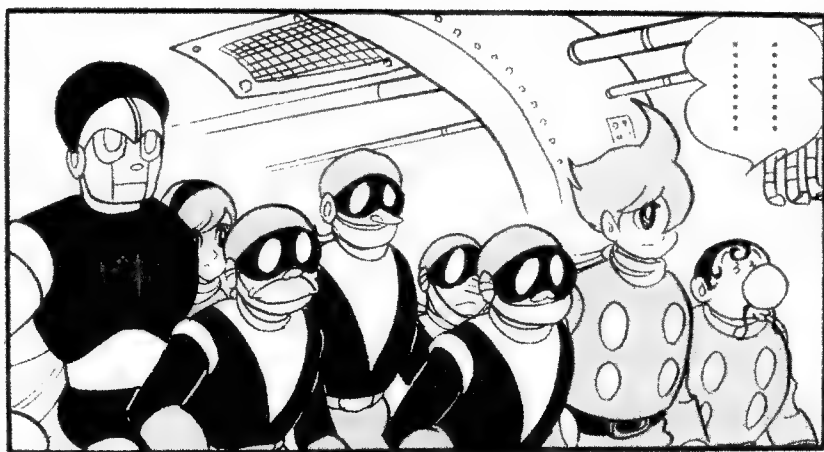


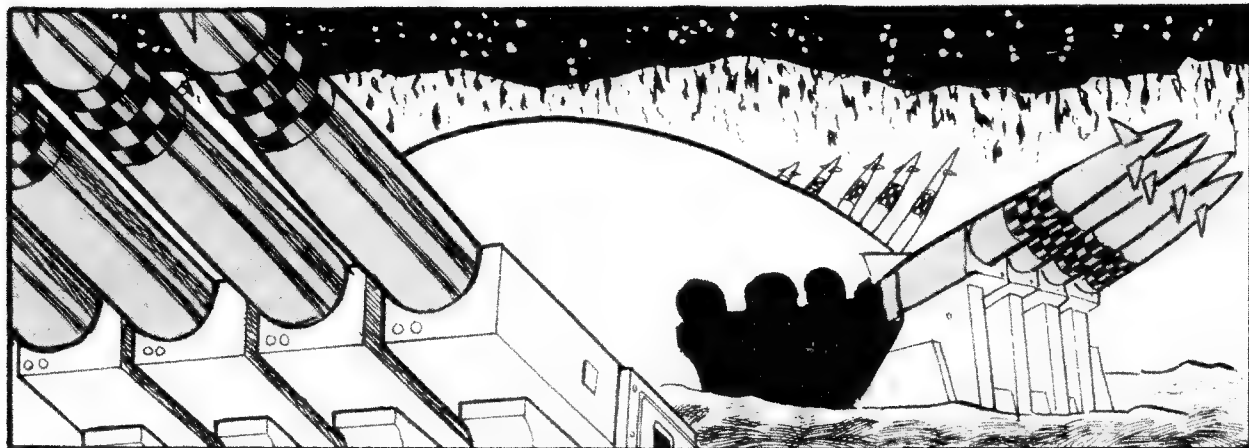
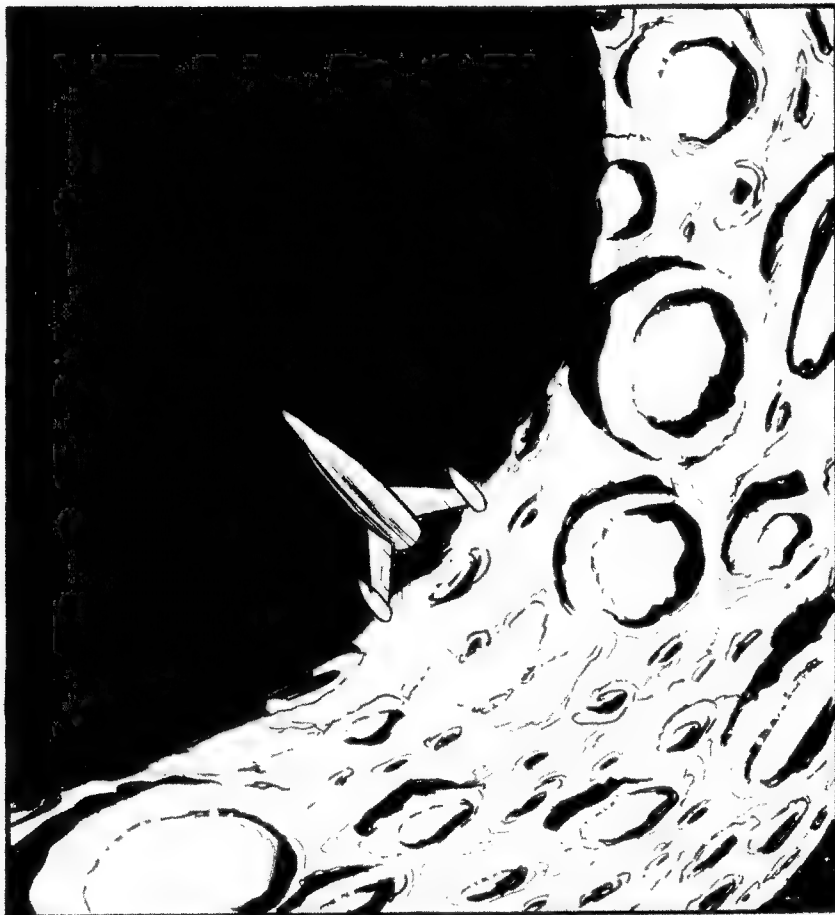
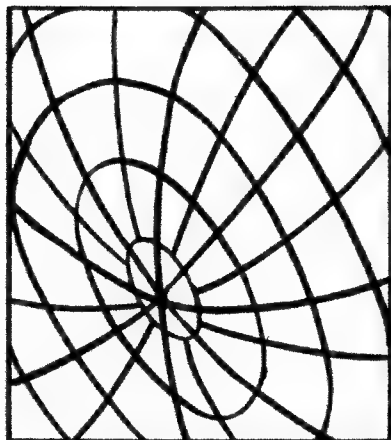


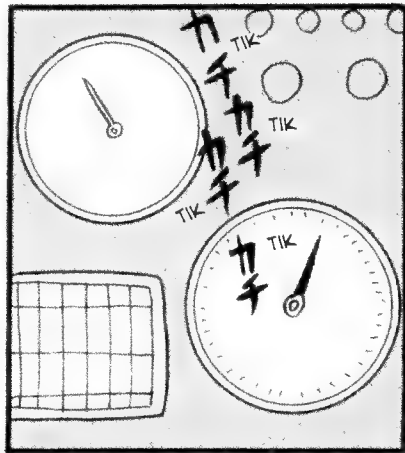
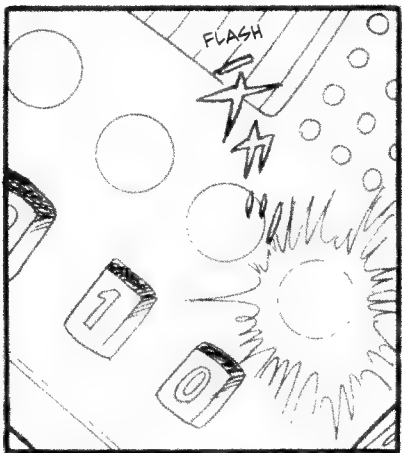
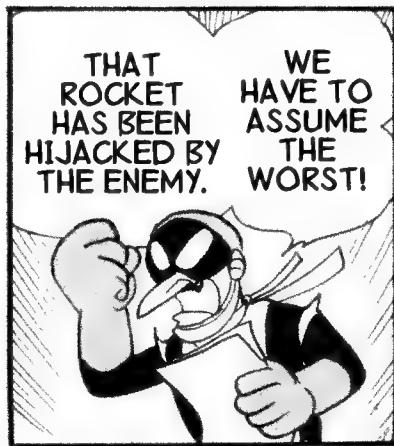
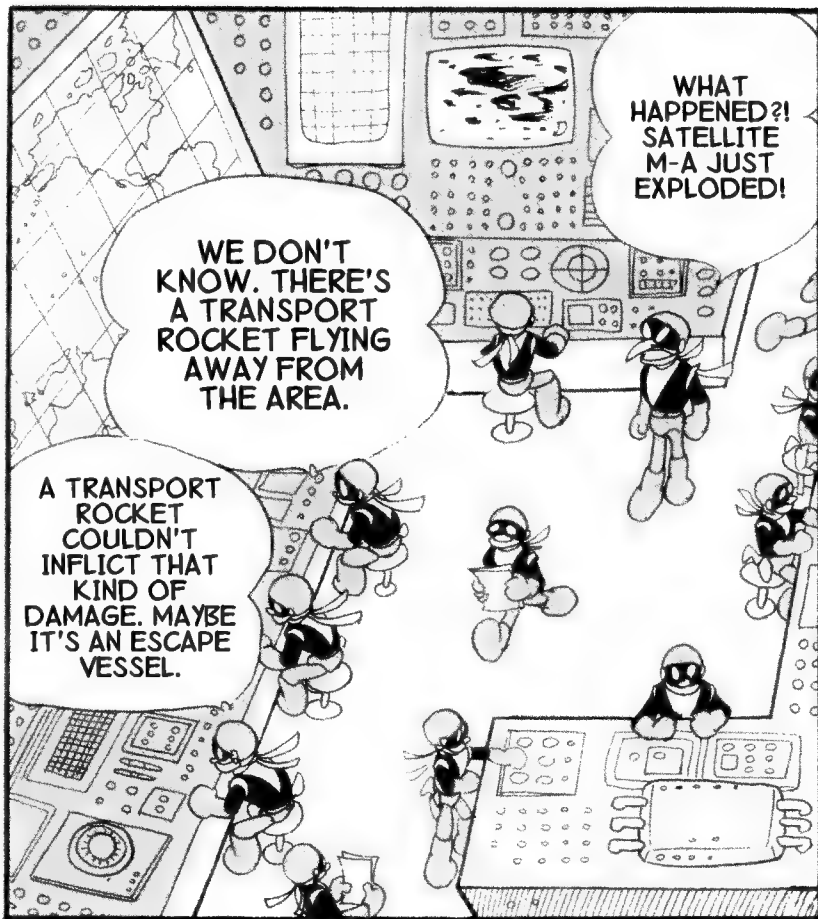
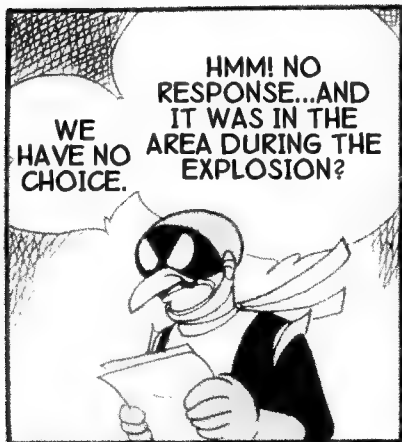
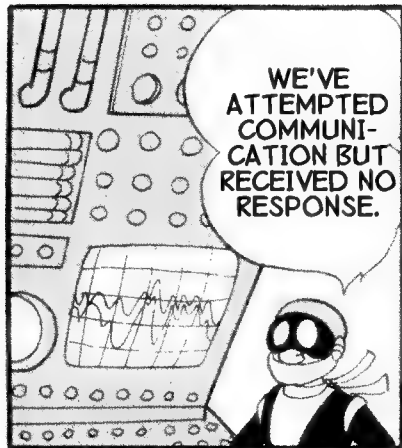


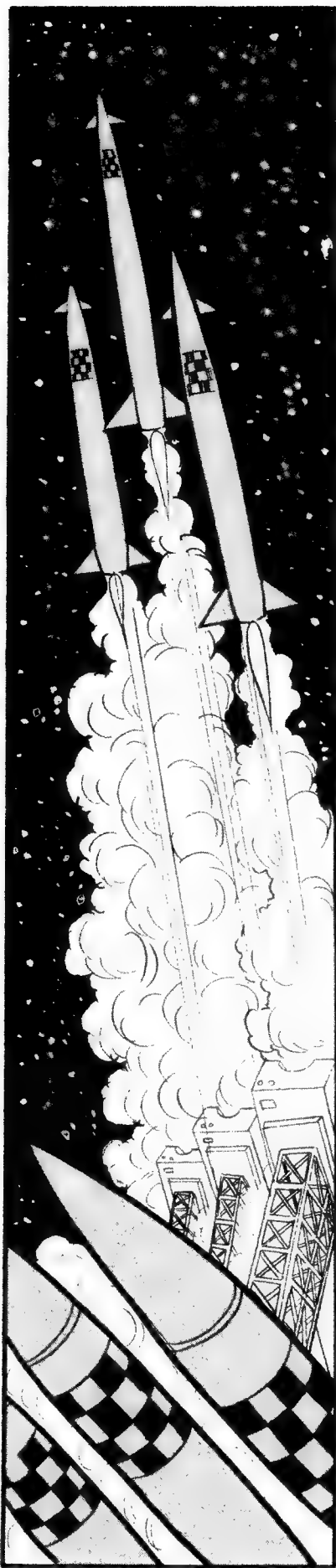
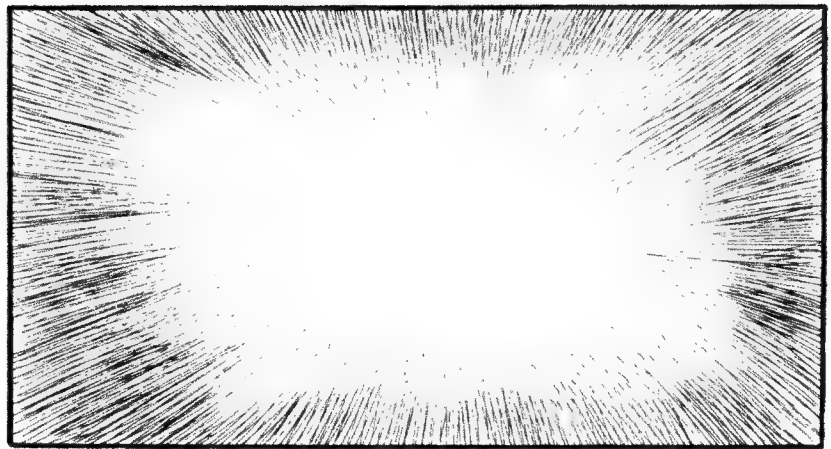
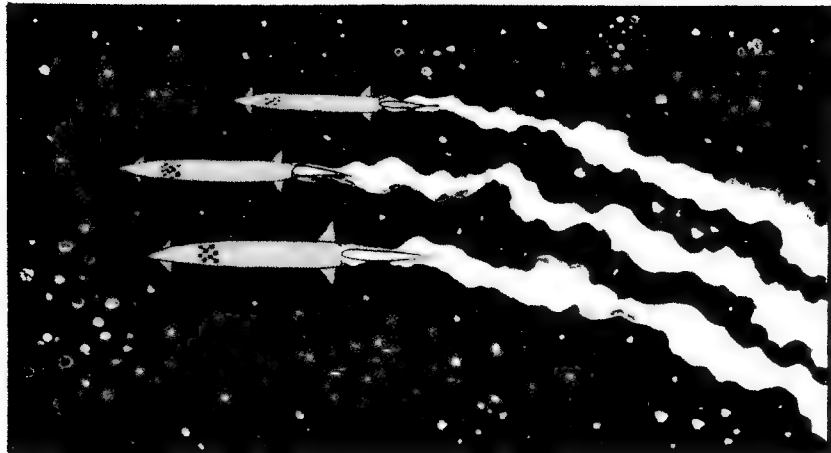














HAH!
THEY THINK
THEY GOT
US. GOOD
CALL, 009.



HURRY, LET'S
GET AS FAR
AWAY AS WE
CAN BEFORE
THE DEBRIS
CLEARS.



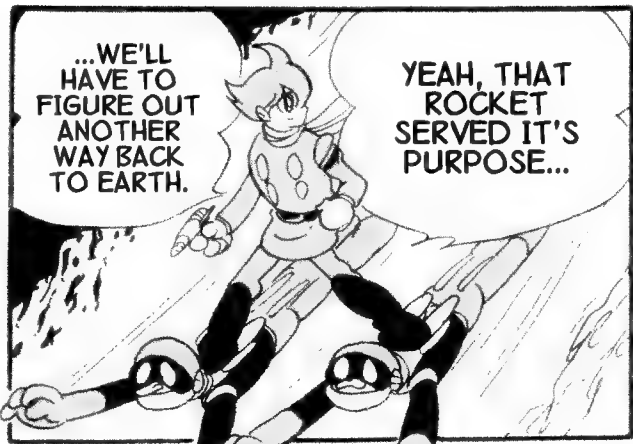
YEP. YOU
GUYS WERE
RIGHT. THE
MOON IS
WELL-ARMED
HUNK OF
ROCK.



THAT'S
ABOUT SIX
KILOMETERS.
WE CAN
GET
THERE
IN TEN
MINUTES.

THE BASE IS
ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THAT
MOUNTAIN, IN
THE MIDDLE
OF A CRATER.

O K A Y ...



...WE'LL
HAVE TO
FIGURE OUT
ANOTHER
WAY BACK
TO EARTH.

YEAH, THAT
ROCKET
SERVED IT'S
PURPOSE...



HA HA HA!
THAT'S
OKAY,
006.

IT'S NOT
AS EASY
FOR ME, YOU
KNOW.



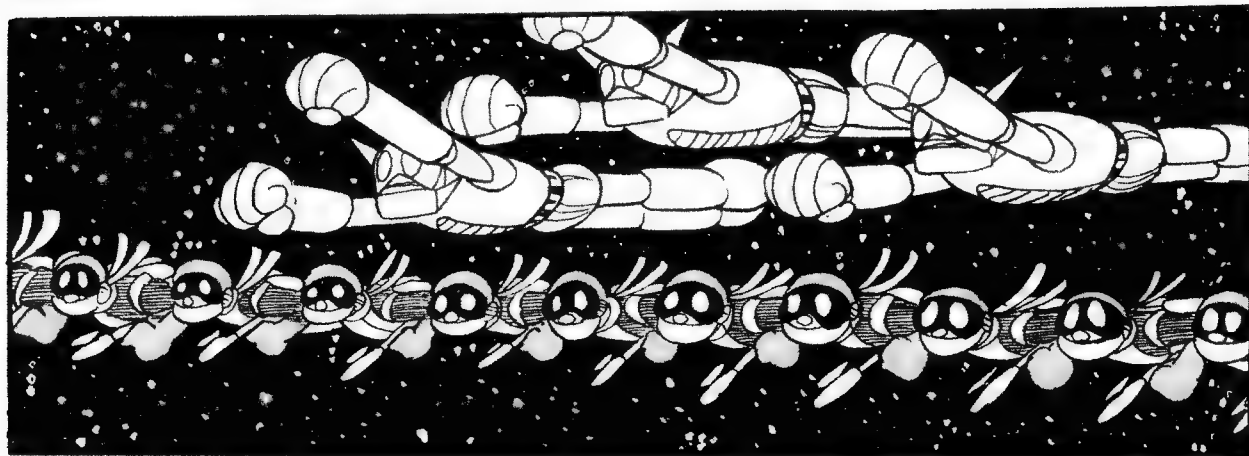
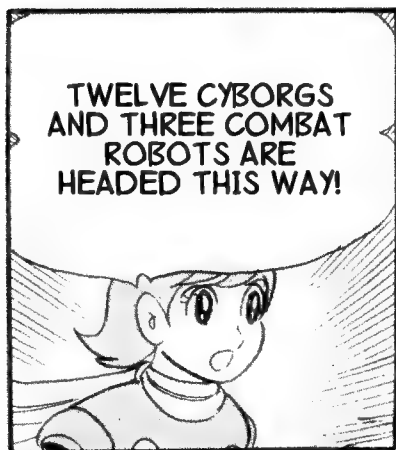
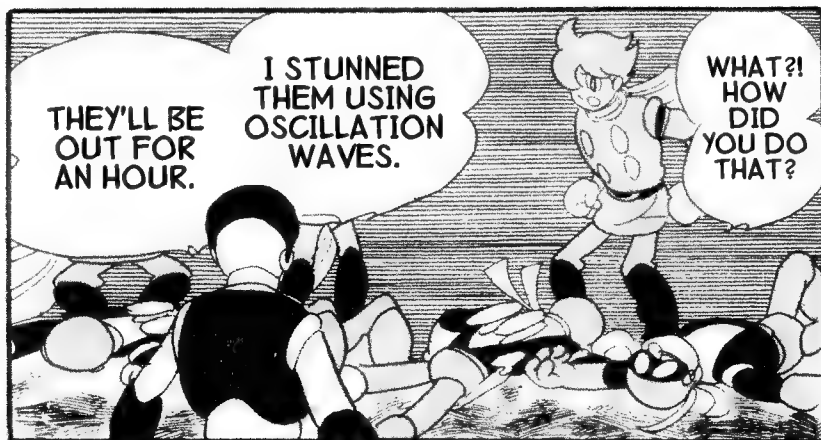
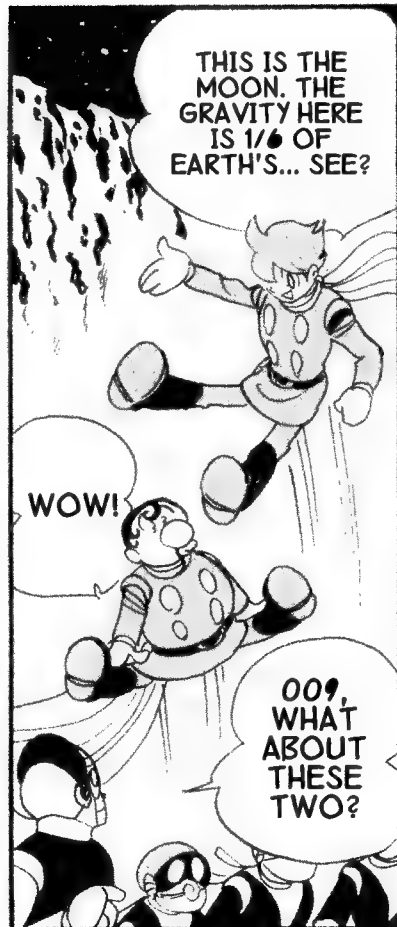
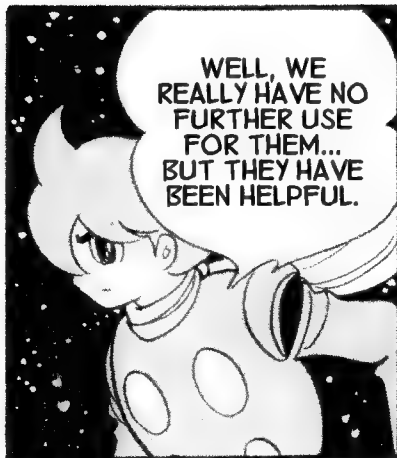
WELL, WHAT
I WAS TRYING
TO SAY IS THAT
I DON'T LIKE
TO WALK.

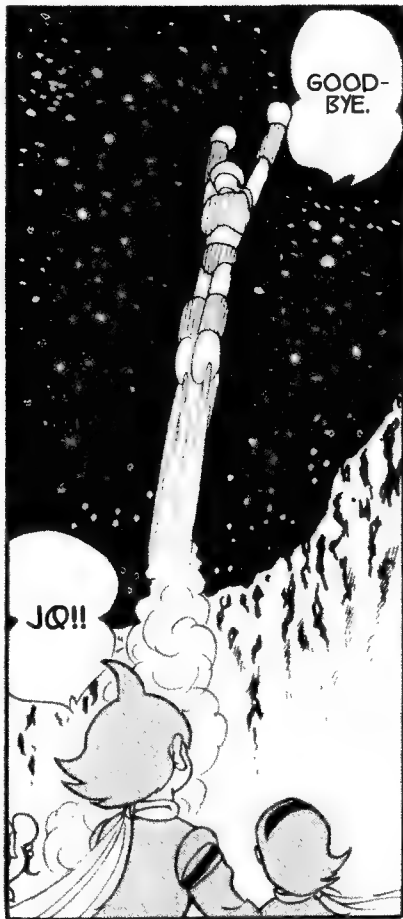
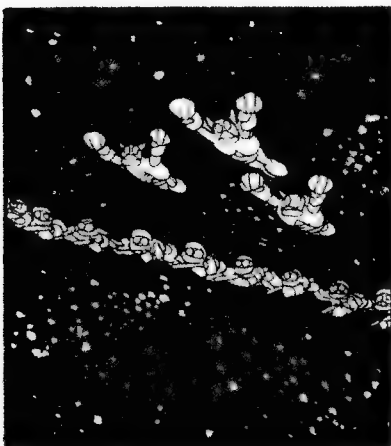
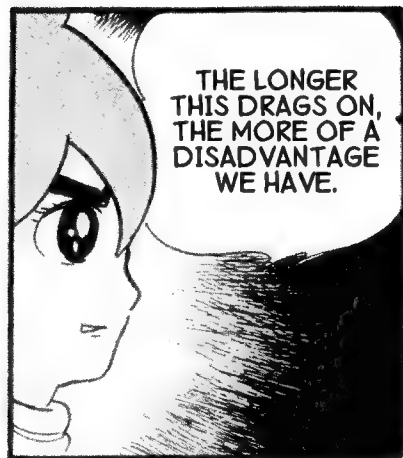
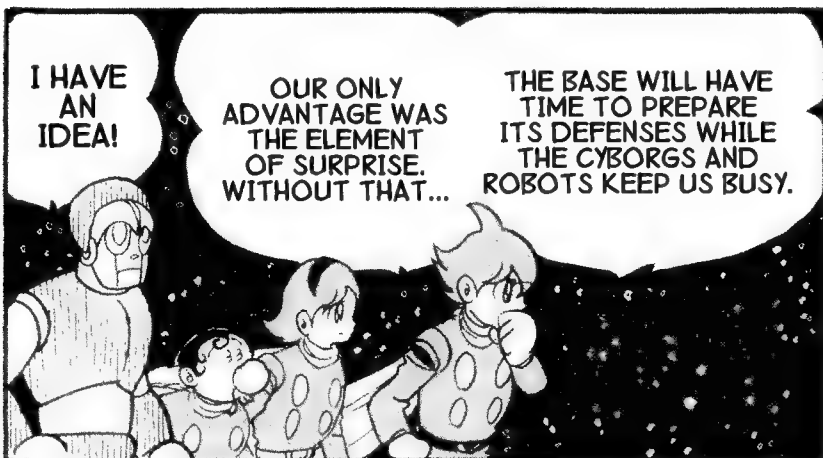
...AHH,
THAT'S
WHY...

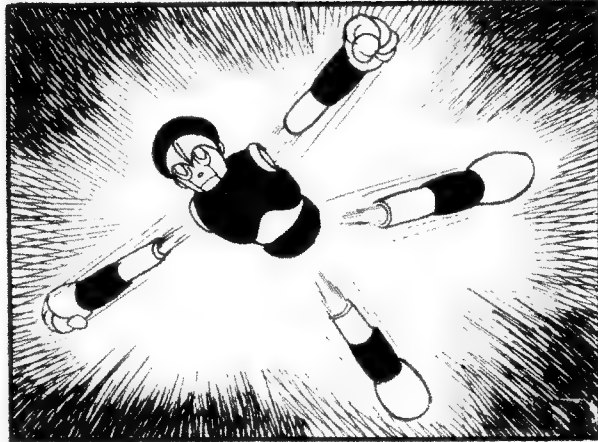
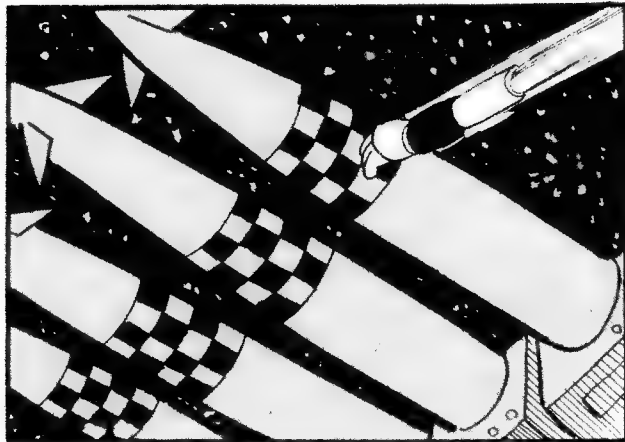
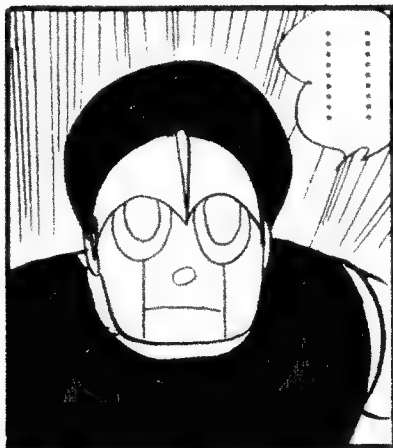
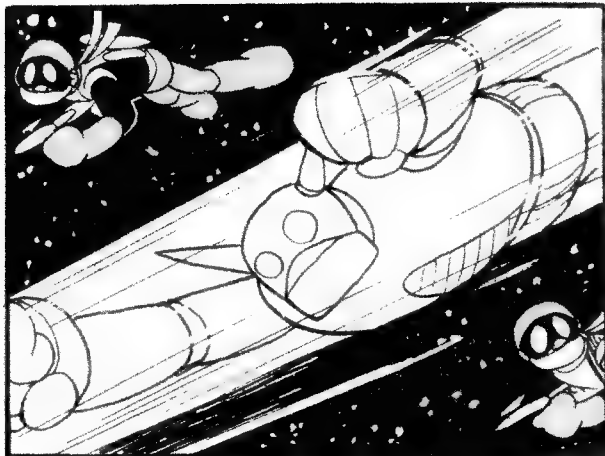


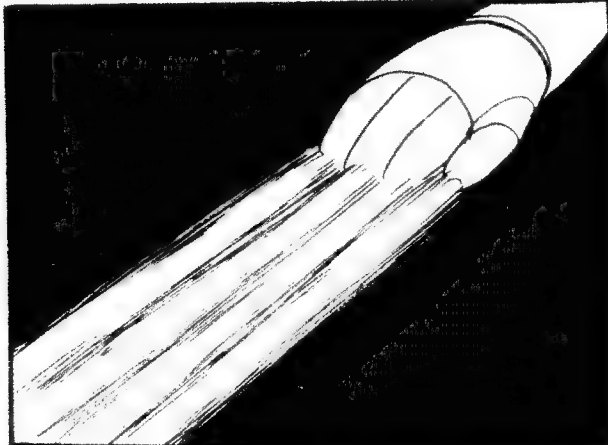
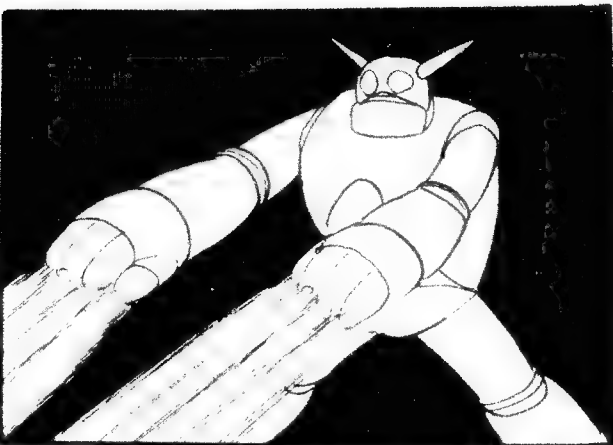
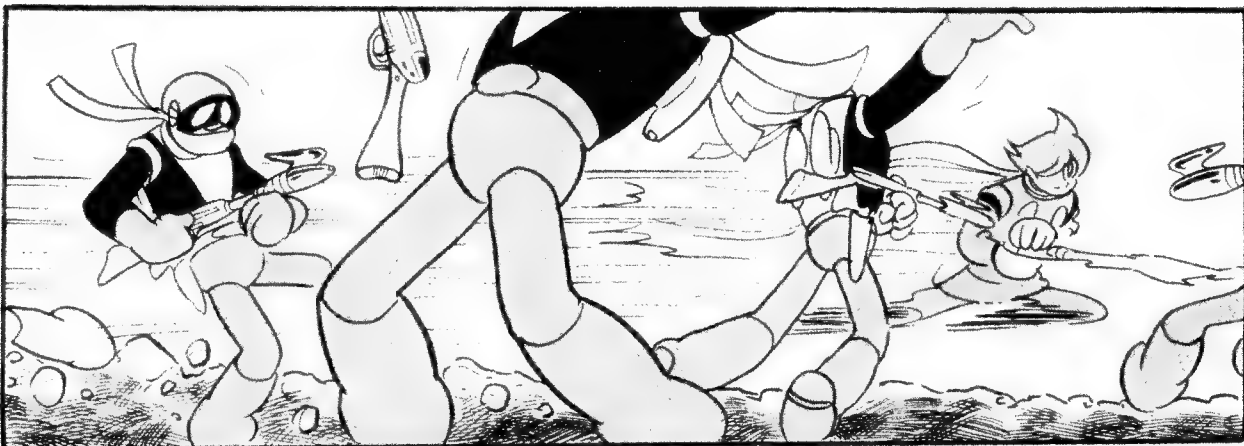
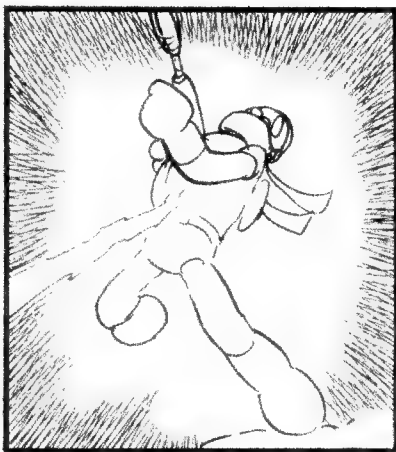
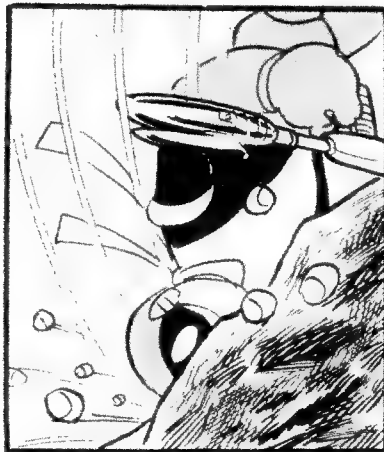
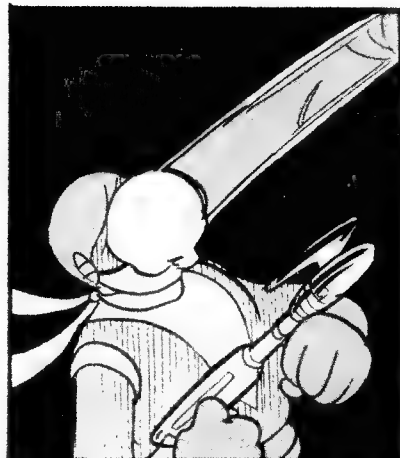
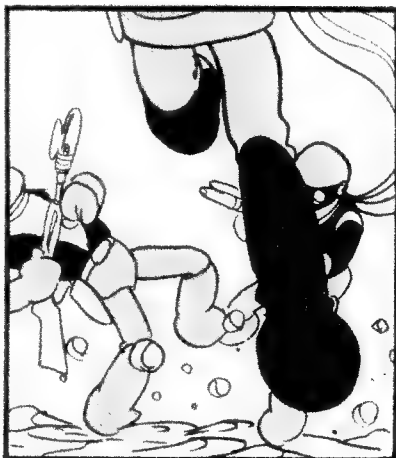
THERE'S
NO AIR,
YOUR
VOICE
WON'T
MAKE A
SOUND.

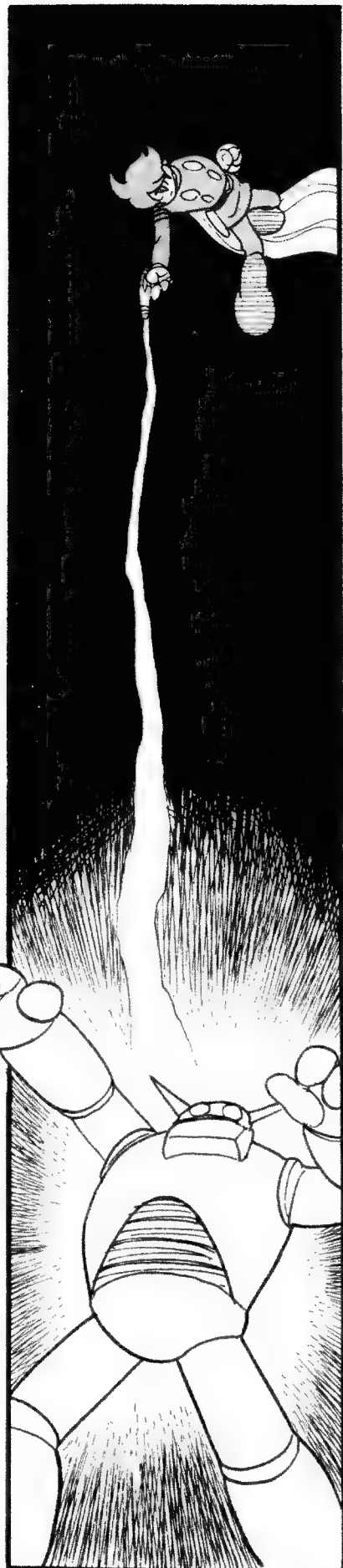
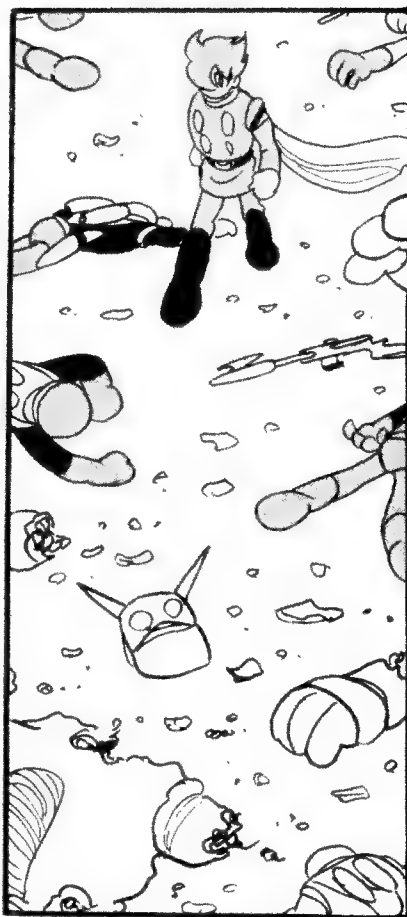
006, I
CAN'T HEAR
YOU. OUR
COMM
DEVICES
ARE
USELESS.

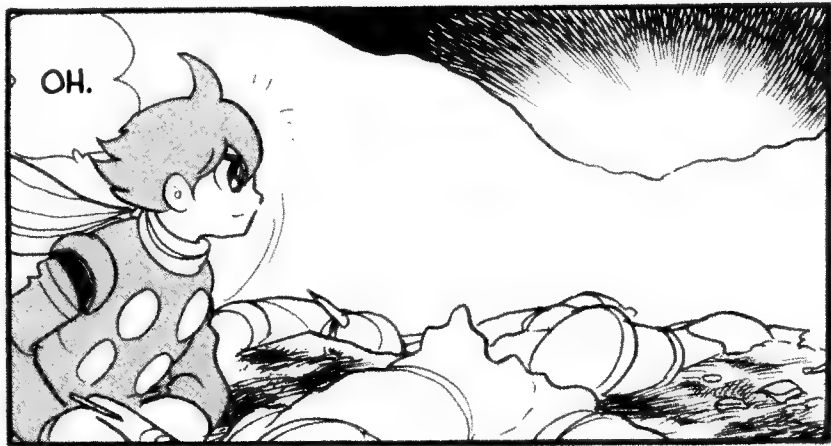














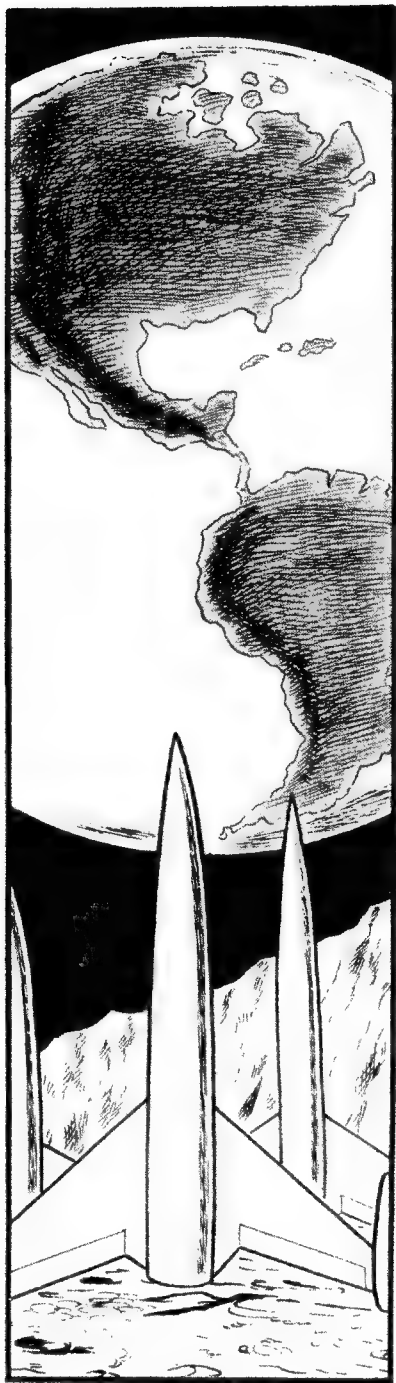
THEY MUST HAVE
RELIED MORE ON
MISSILES THAN
ACTUAL GROUND
TROOPS.



SOME
OF THE
MISSILES
AND
ROCKETS
ARE STILL
STANDING.

WELL, IT LOOKS
LIKE THE BASE
IS DESTROYED.
THE CONTROL
DOME IS GONE.

WHAT DO
YOU SEE,
JOE?



JO REALLY
DID A JOB
ON THIS
PLACE!

WHERE
IS HE?

HE'S
GONE.



HE'LL
BE
MISSED.

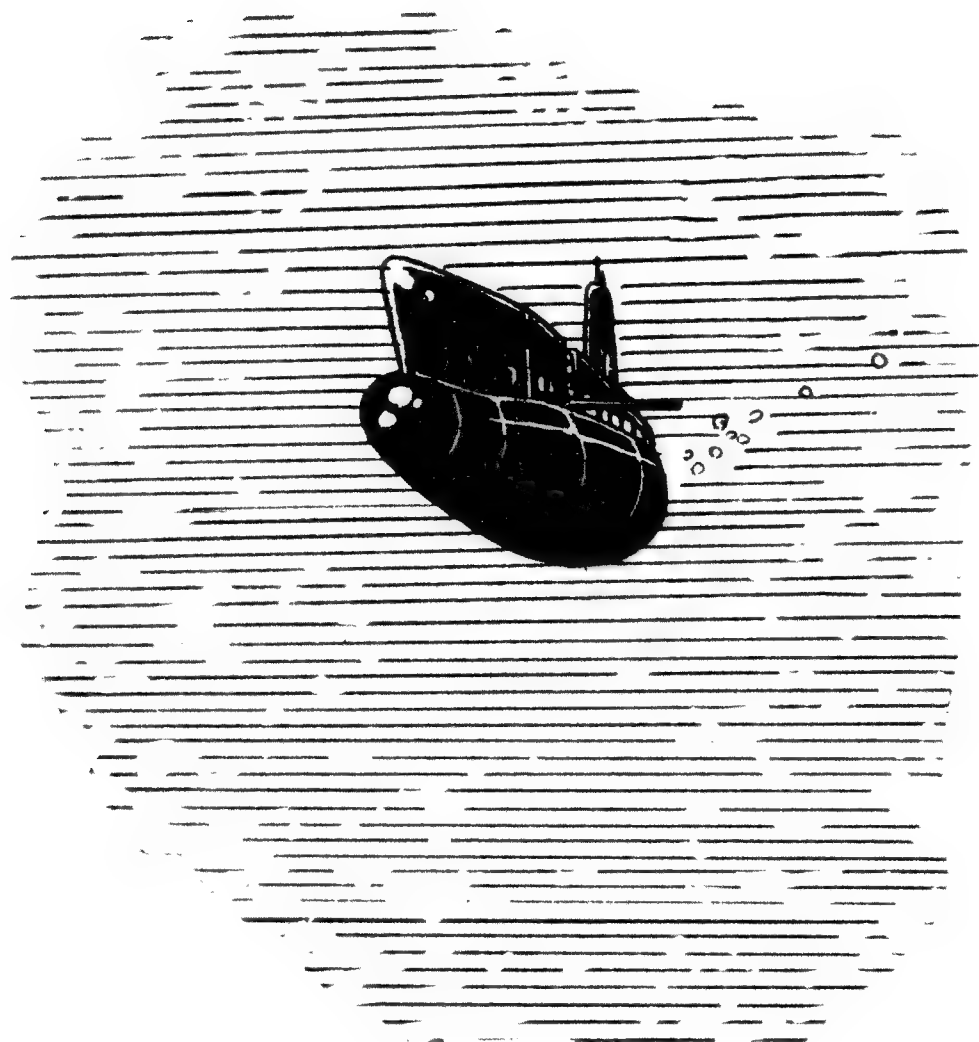
POOR
JO!!

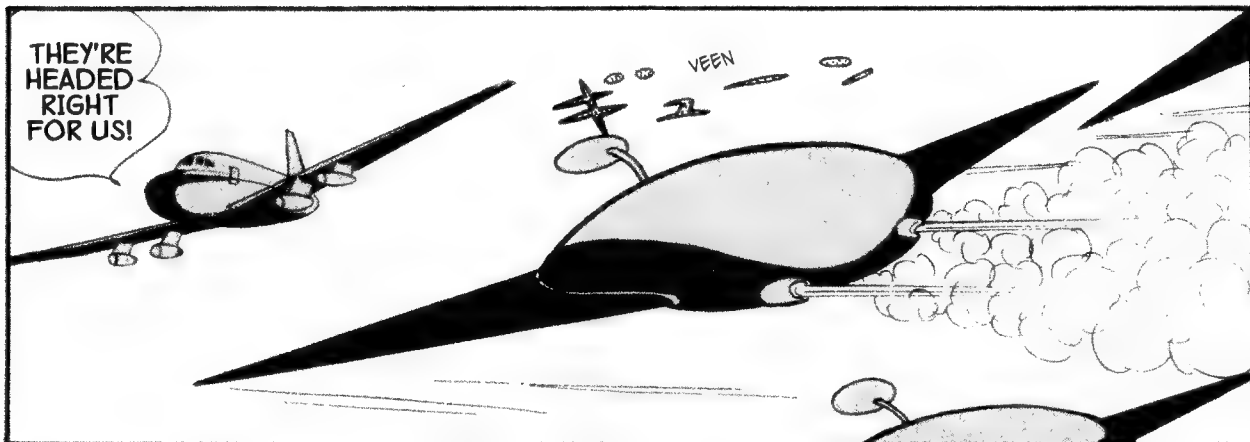
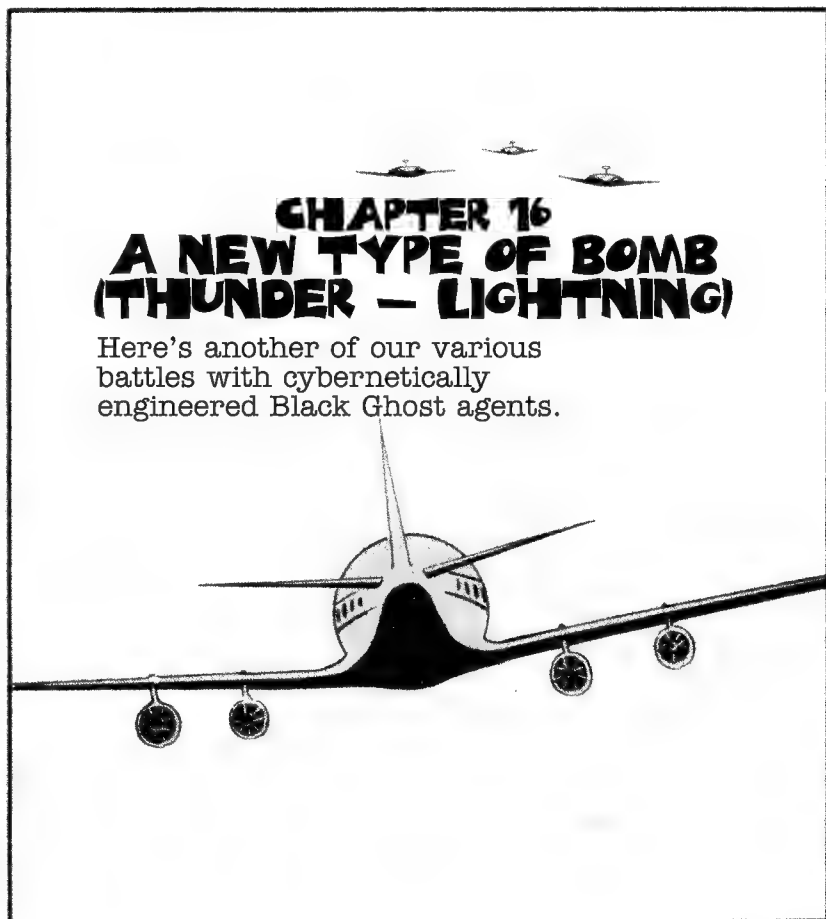
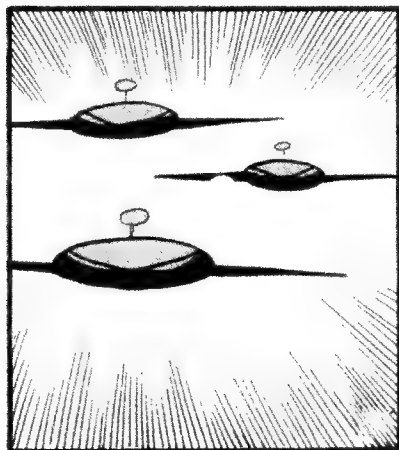


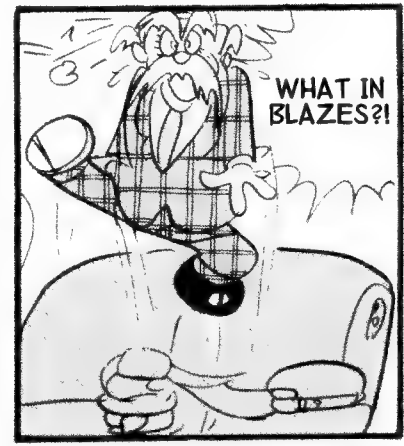
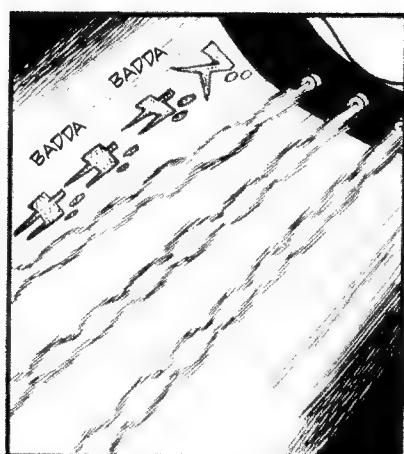
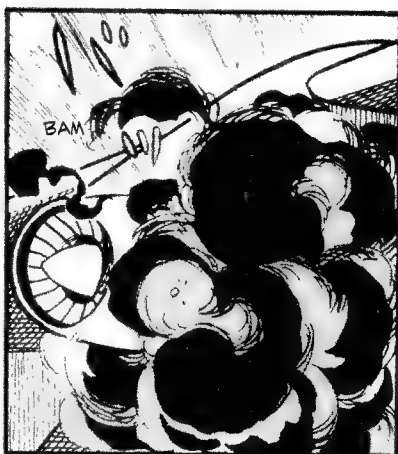
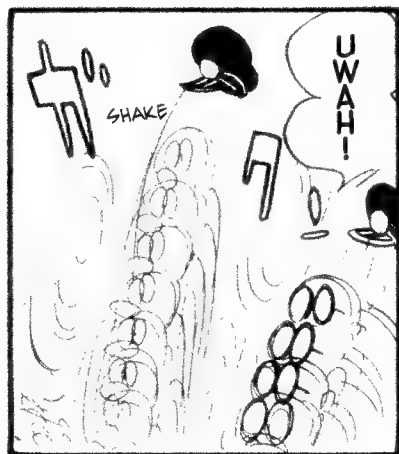
IT LOOKS LIKE HE
WAS TOO CLOSE
TO THE BLAST. I
CAN SEE PIECES
OF HIM ALL OVER
THE PLACE.

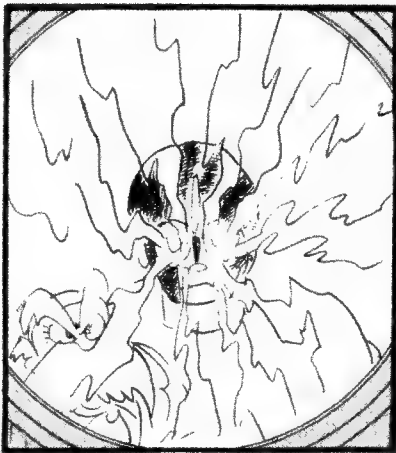
DEAD?

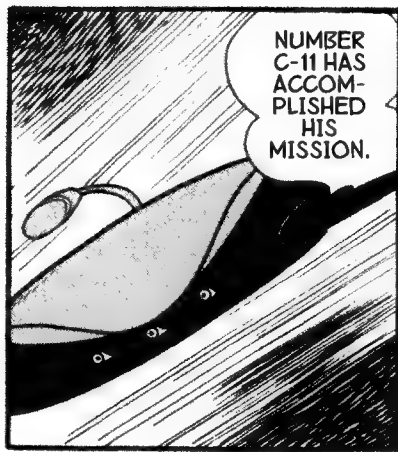












NUMBER
C-11 HAS
ACCOM-
PLISHED
HIS
MISSION.



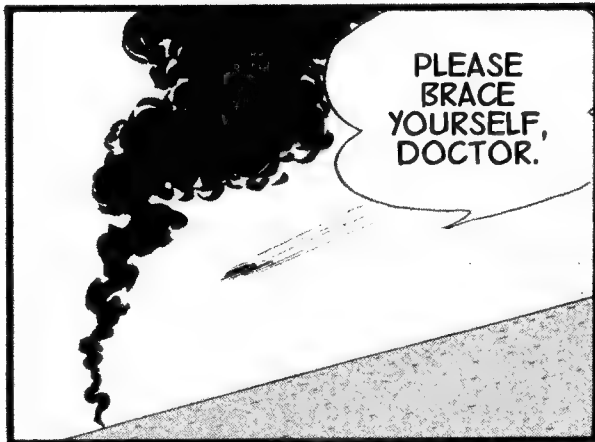
I AM NUMBER
C-11. MY
MISSION WAS
TO DESTROY
YOU.

WHO
ORDERED
THE
MISSION?



THE
BLACK
GHOST!

NUMBER
C-11, DO
YOU READ
ME.

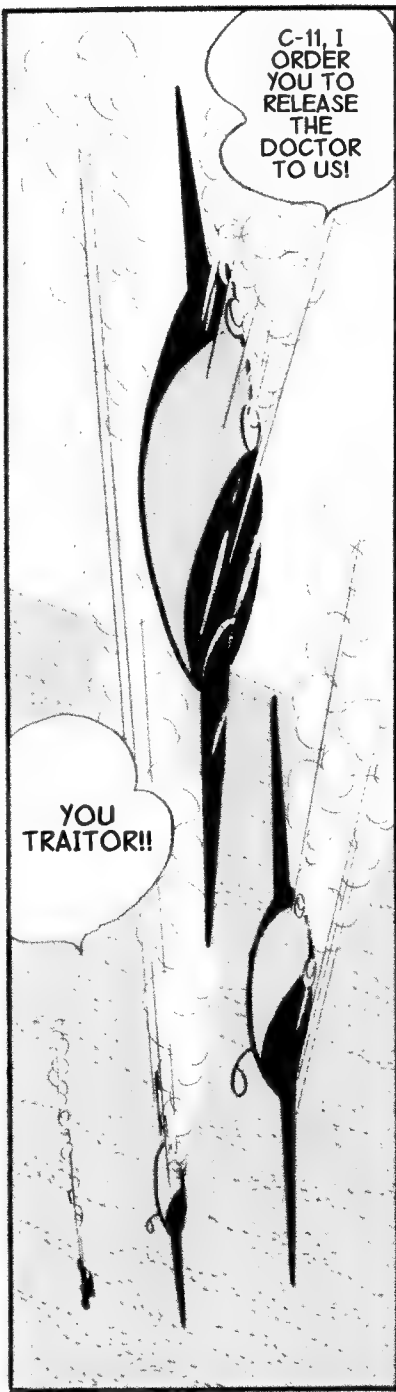
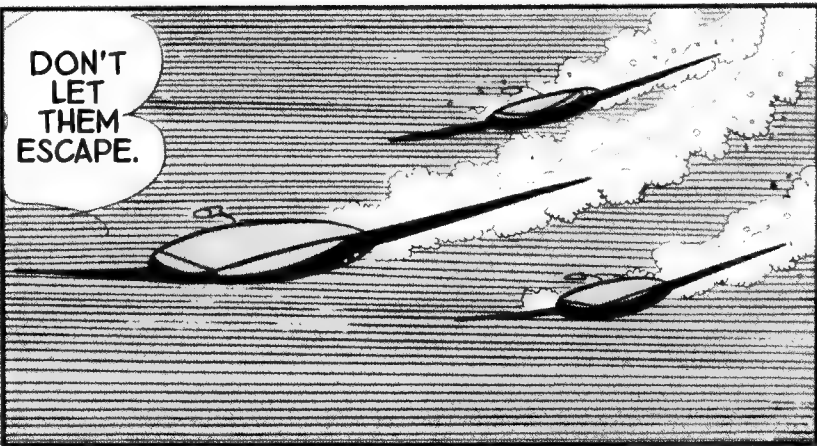
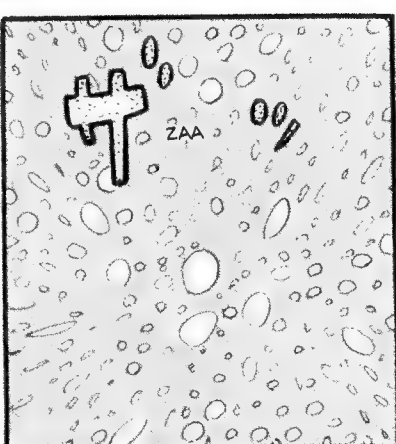
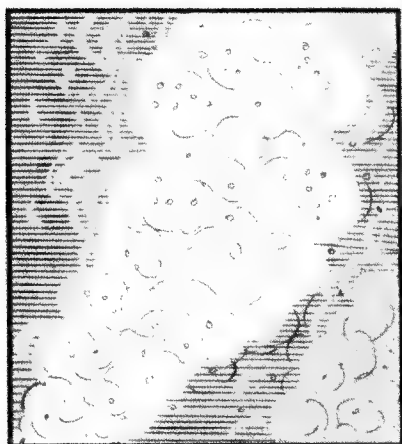
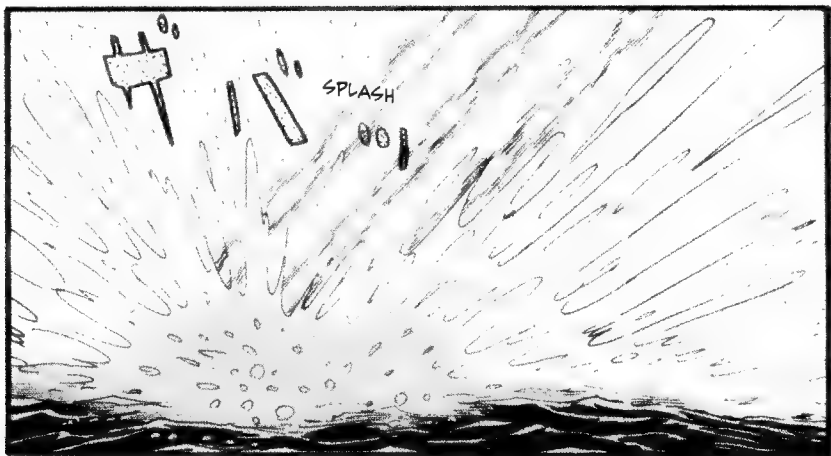


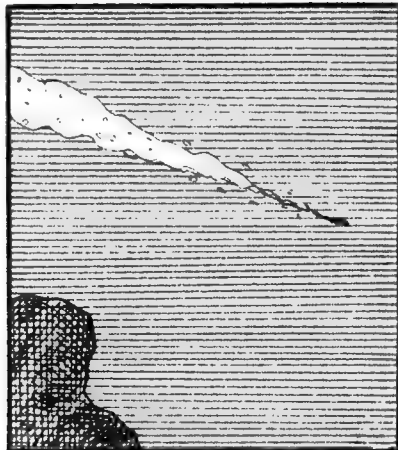
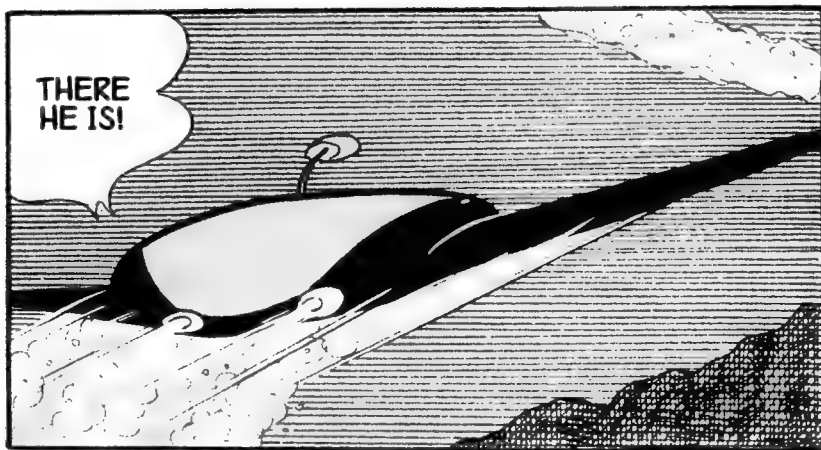
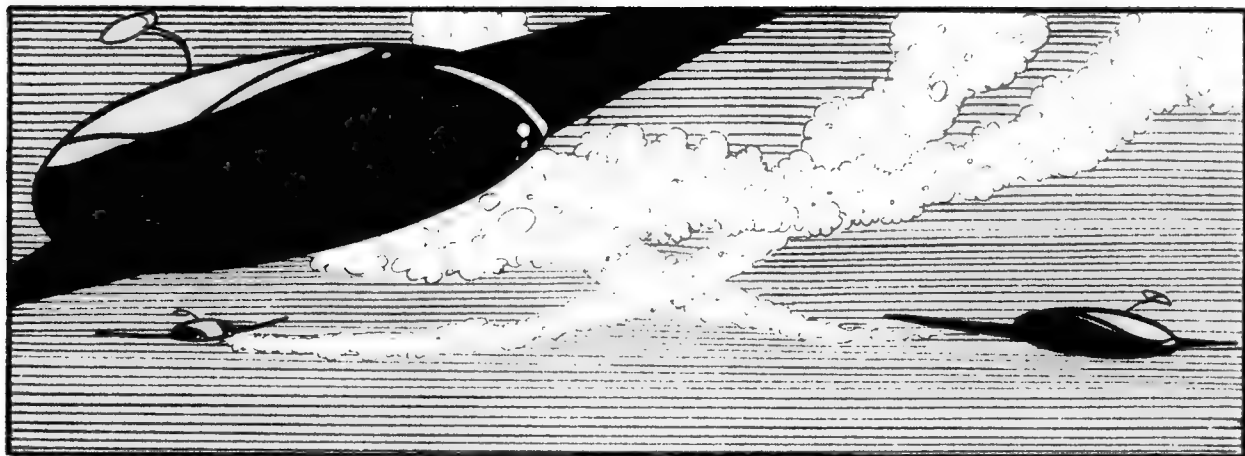
PLEASE
BRACE
YOURSELF,
DOCTOR.

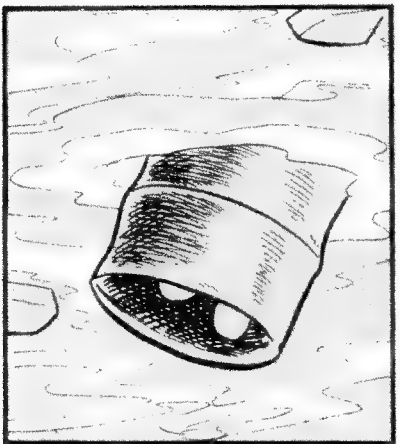
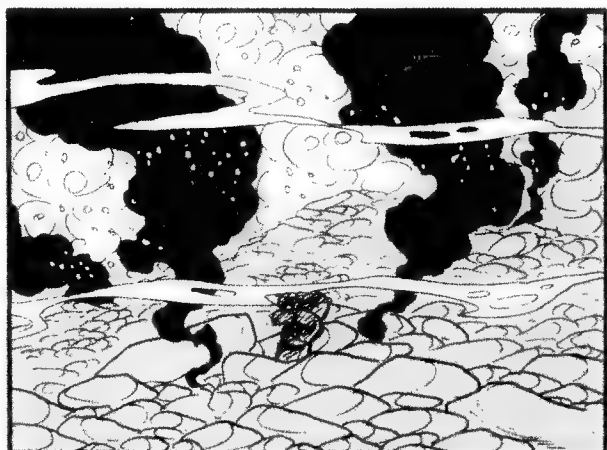
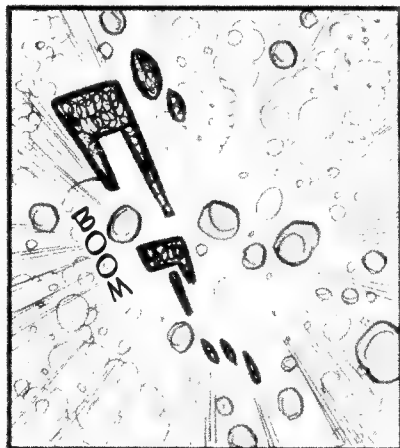
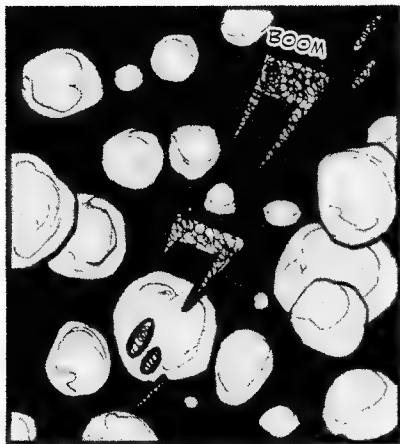


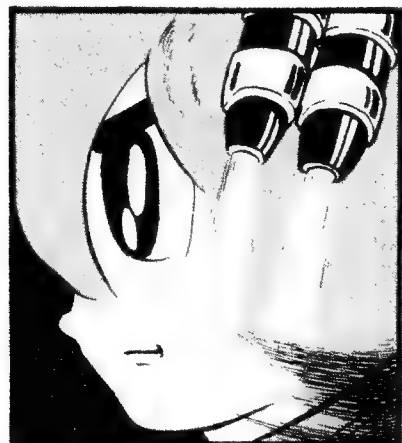
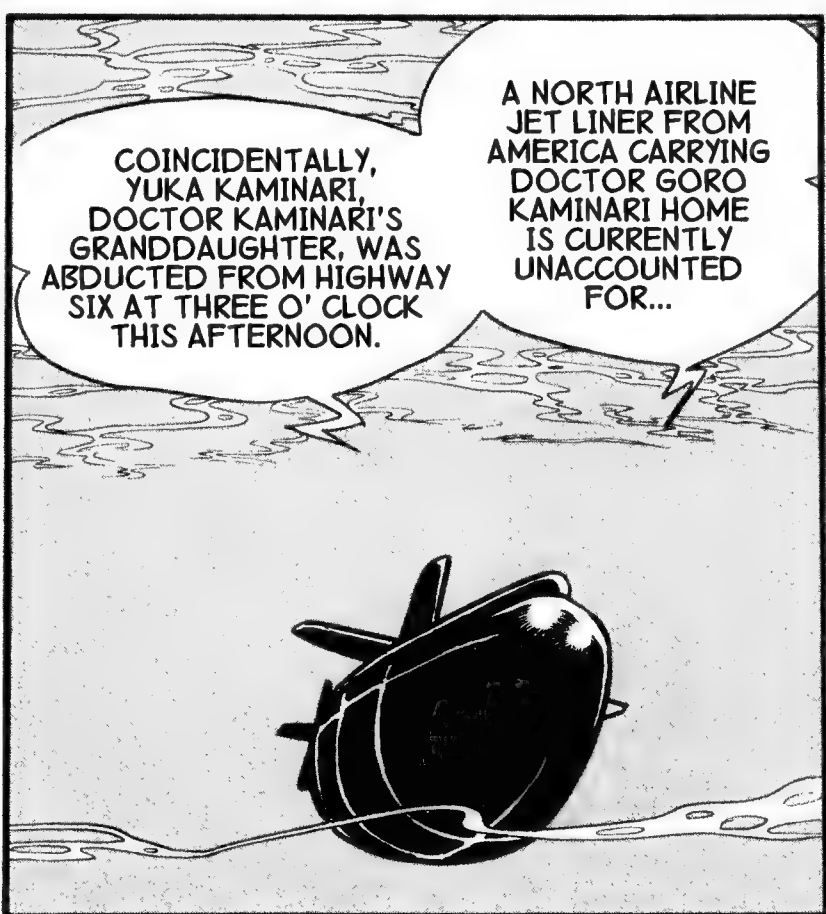
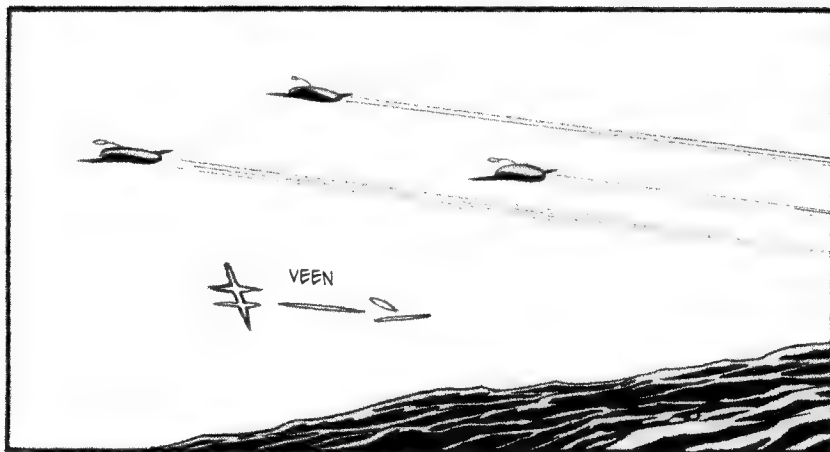
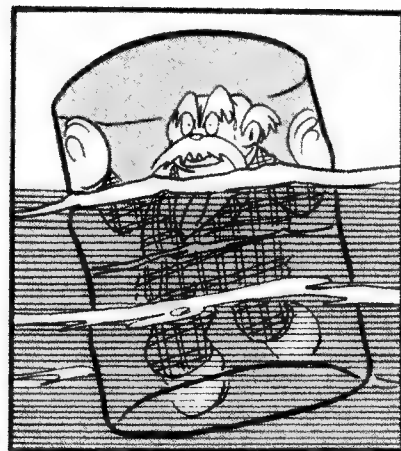
BRING
US THE
DOCTOR!

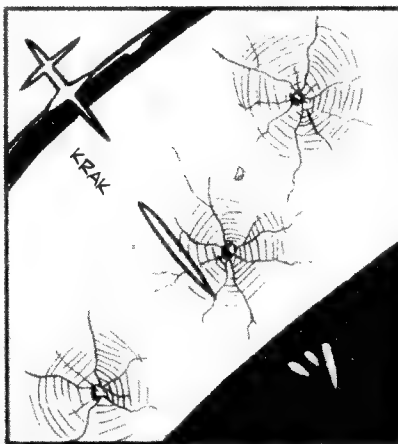
C-11! YOU ARE
PRESENTLY
OFF COURSE.
RETURN TO
FORMATION
AT ONCE!

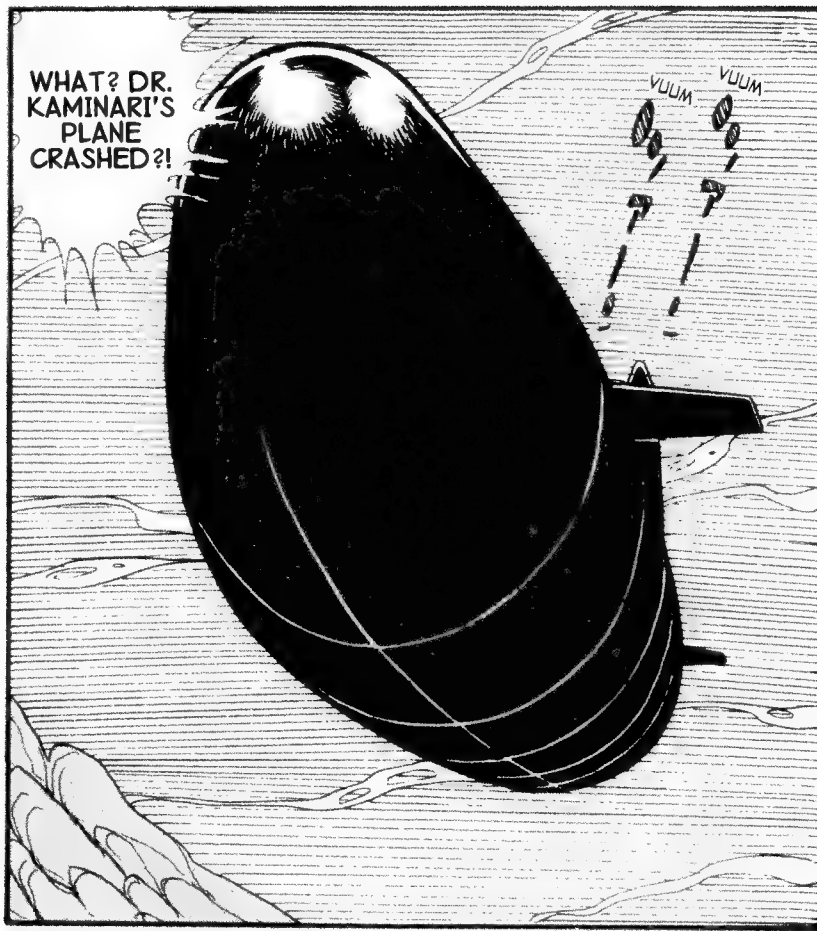












WHAT? DR. KAMINARI'S PLANE CRASHED?!



IS DR. KAMINARI SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

DR. GILMORE ...



HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER WAS AB-DUCTED.

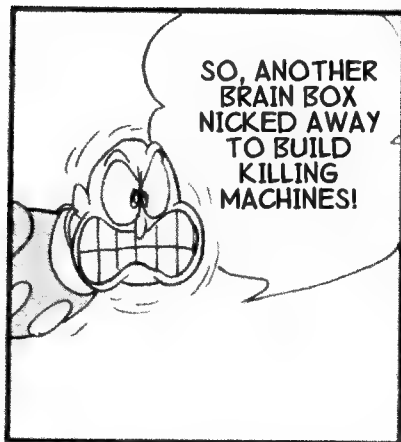
AND THAT'S NOT ALL.



HE WAS WORKING ON SOME DREADFUL WEAPON AND SO GARNERED THE NICKNAME "THUNDER AND LIGHTNING."

I'VE NEVER MET HIM PERSONALLY, BUT DR. KAMINARI IS QUITE FAMOUS.





SO, ANOTHER
BRAIN BOX
NICKED AWAY
TO BUILD
KILLING
MACHINES!



JUST THE KIND
OF MIND RIPE FOR
EXPLOITATION.

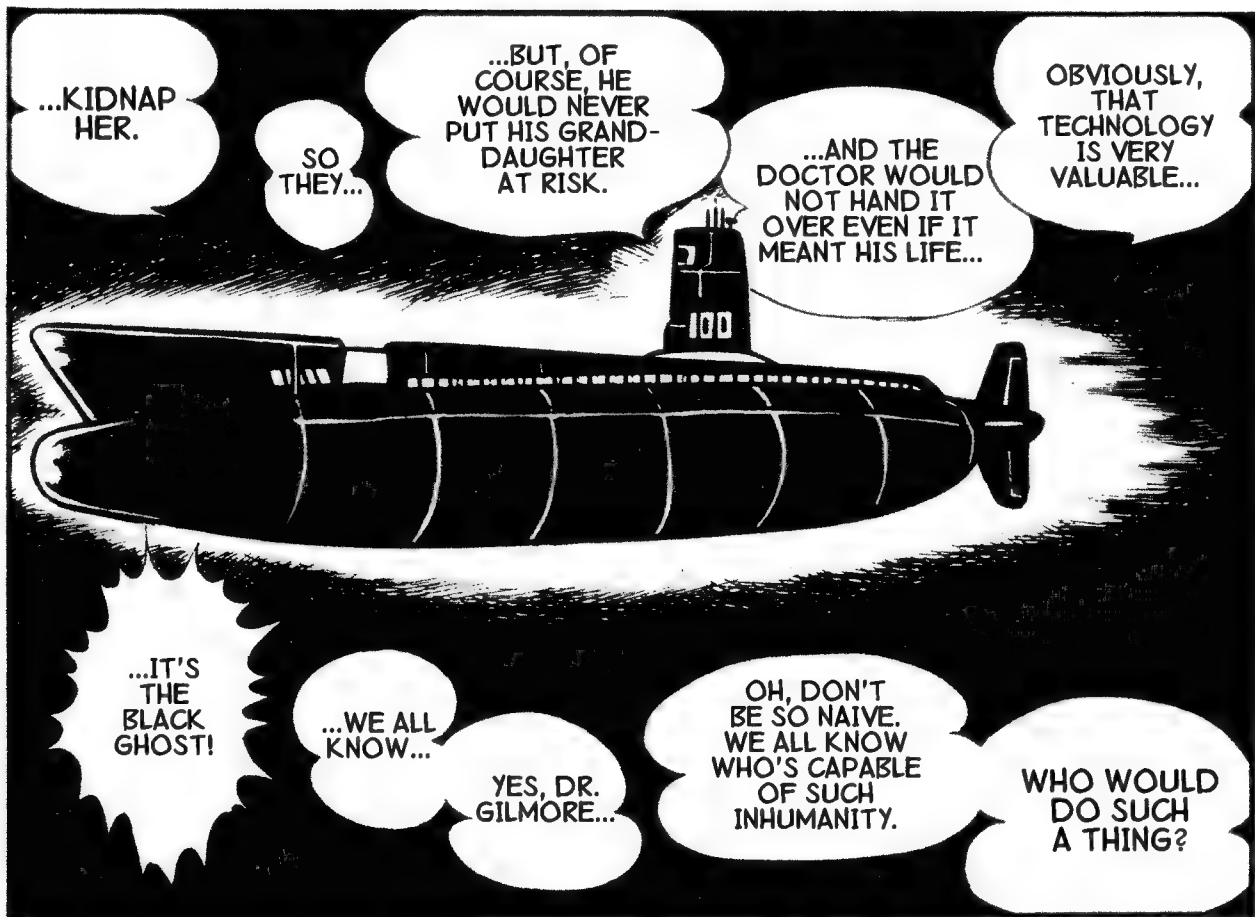


TOGETHER, THEY
CREATE A MASSIVE
ELECTRIC CURRENT
THAT MAKES THE
VERY SKY EXPLODE!

IT IS A
DEADLY
DEVICE.

NEAR-
MICROSCOPIC,
SNOWFLAKE-
SHAPED NANO-
MACHINES THAT
EFFUSE INTO
THE SKY.

SO, HE'S
APPLY NAMED,
YOU SEE.



...KIDNAP
HER.

SO
THEY...

...BUT, OF
COURSE, HE
WOULD NEVER
PUT HIS GRAND-
DAUGHTER
AT RISK.

...AND THE
DOCTOR WOULD
NOT HAND IT
OVER EVEN IF IT
MEANT HIS LIFE...

OBVIOUSLY,
THAT
TECHNOLOGY
IS VERY
VALUABLE...

...IT'S
THE
BLACK
GHOST!

...WE ALL
KNOW...

YES, DR.
GILMORE...

OH, DON'T
BE SO NAIVE.
WE ALL KNOW
WHO'S CAPABLE
OF SUCH
INHUMANITY.

WHO WOULD
DO SUCH
A THING?



HE MUST
HAVE BEEN
NEAR JAPAN,
AT LEAST.

WAIT,
WAIT A
SECOND...



BUT
WHERE
DO WE
START
LOOKING?

SO WE'RE
GONNA
HAVE TO
GET DR.
KAMINARI
BACK!

WE CAN'T
LET THEM
GET A HOLD
OF SUCH A
DESTRUCTIVE
WEAPON.

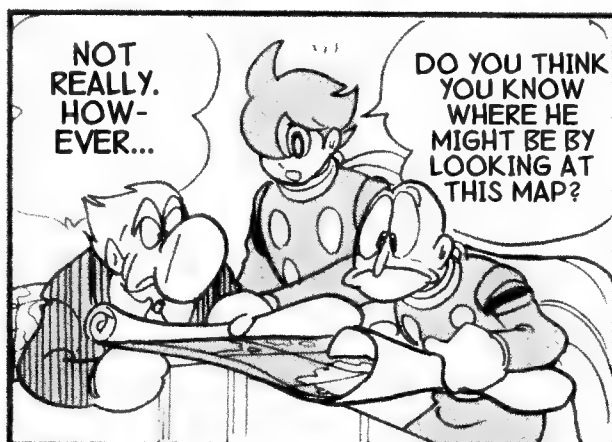


OKAY.

GIVE ME
THAT
MAP.

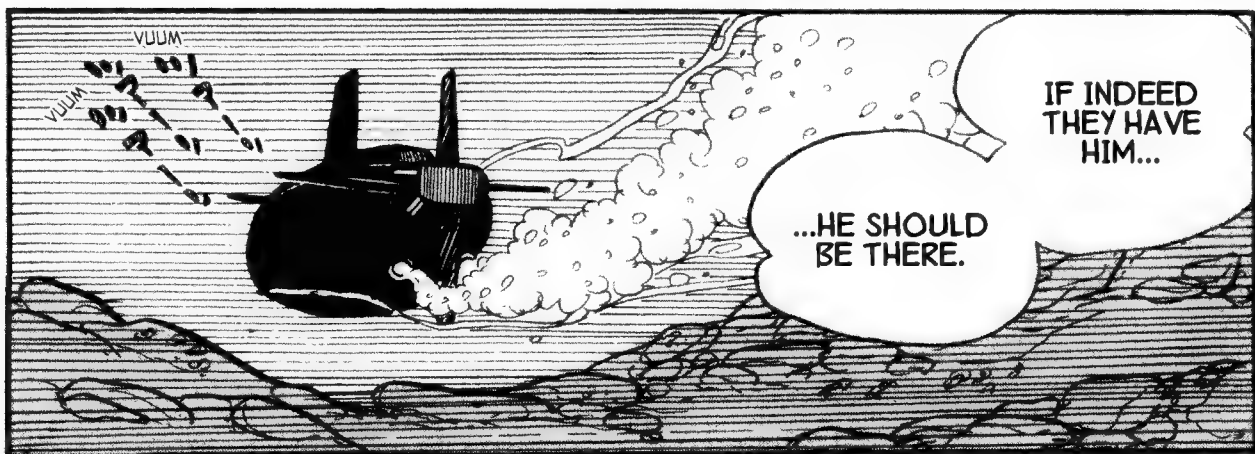


I BELIEVE I CAN
ASCERTAIN
WHERE BLACK
GHOST WOULD
BUILD A
SECRET BASE.



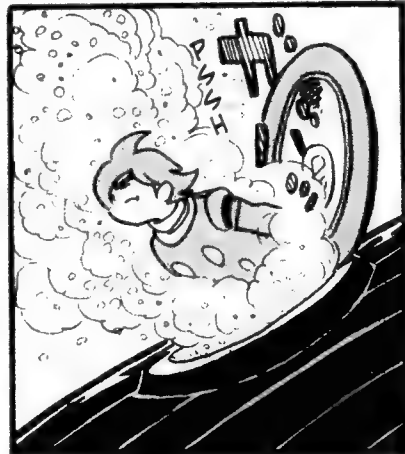
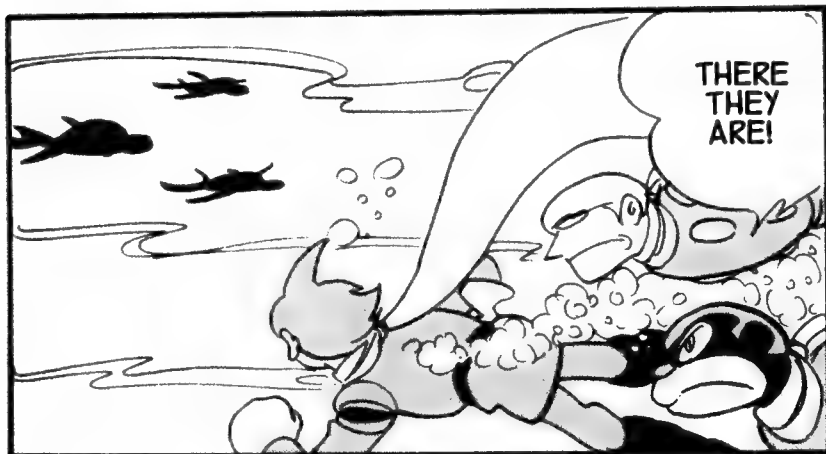
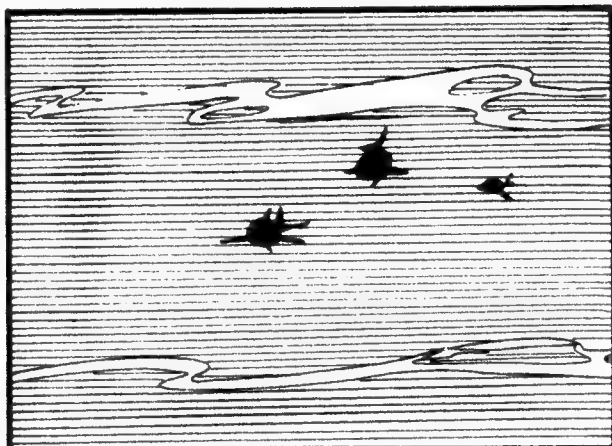
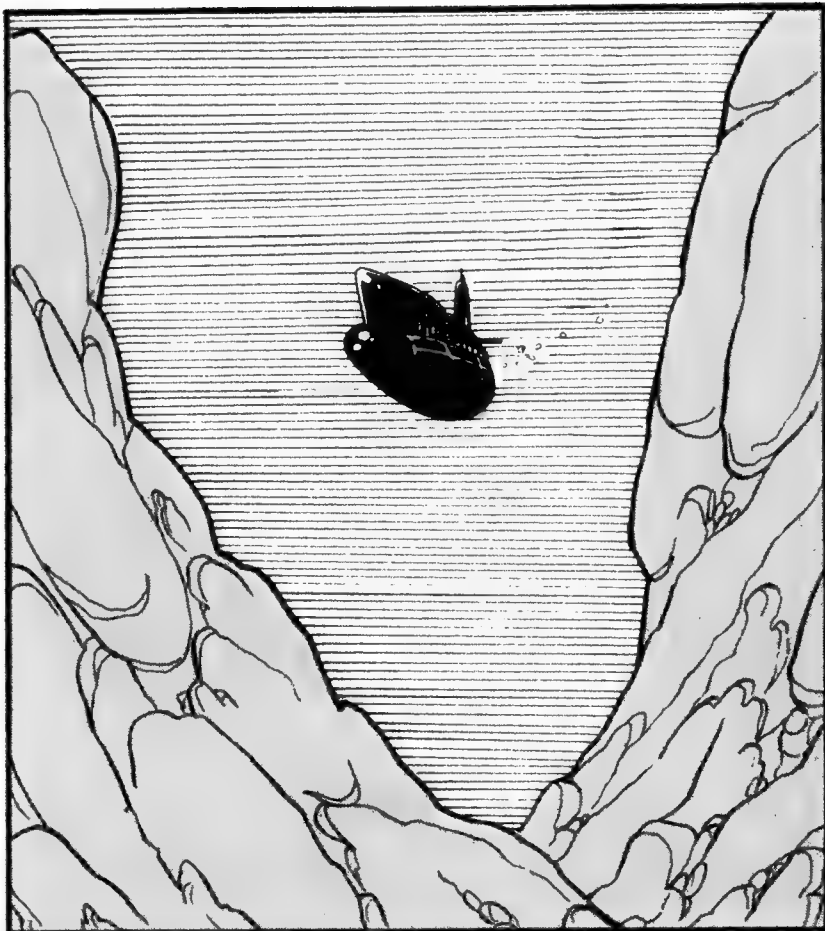
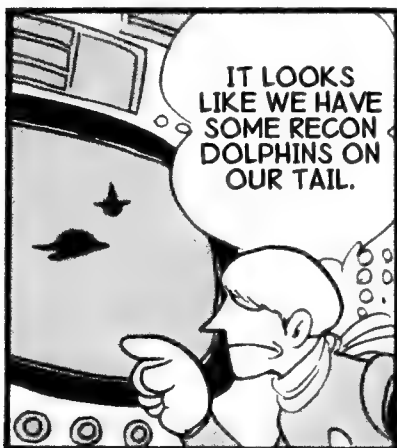
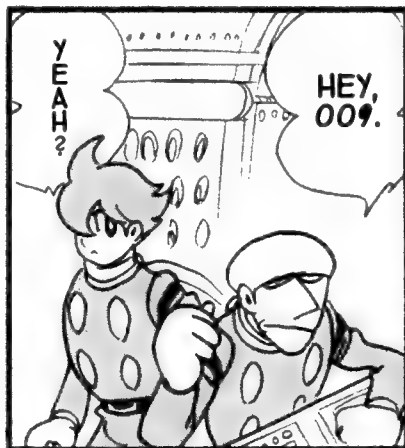
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HOW-
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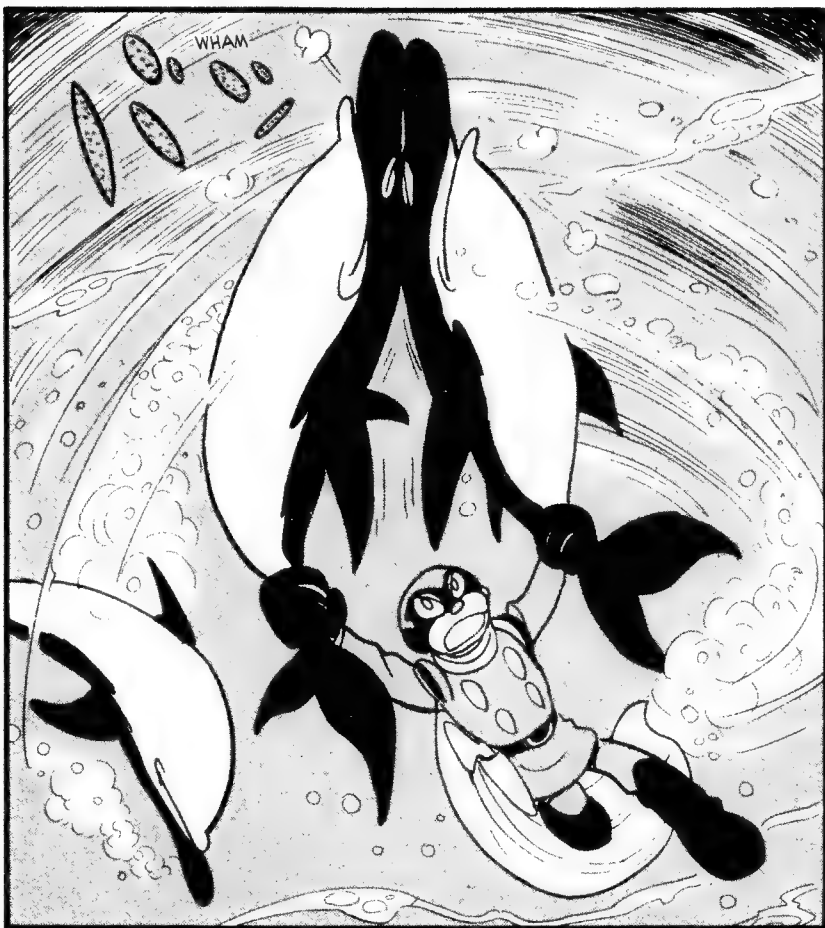
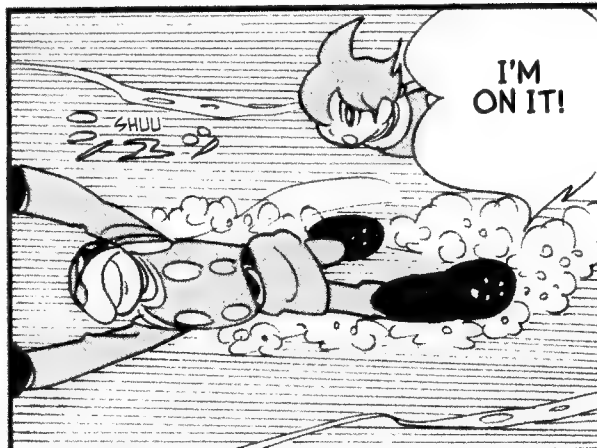
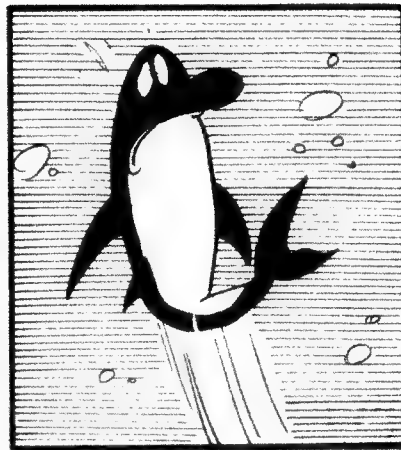
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YOU KNOW
WHERE HE
MIGHT BE BY
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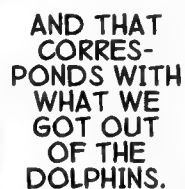
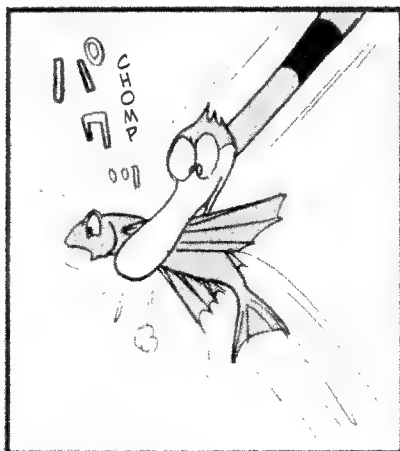
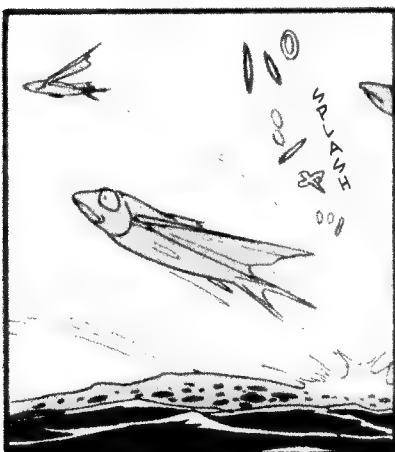
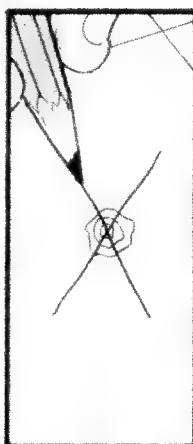
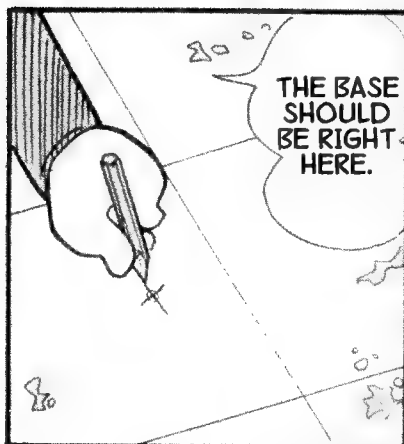


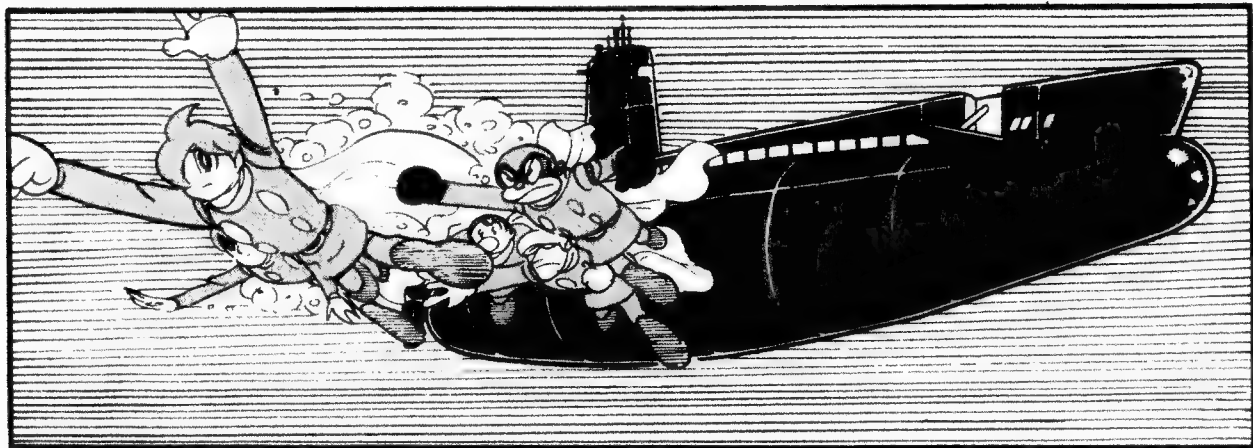
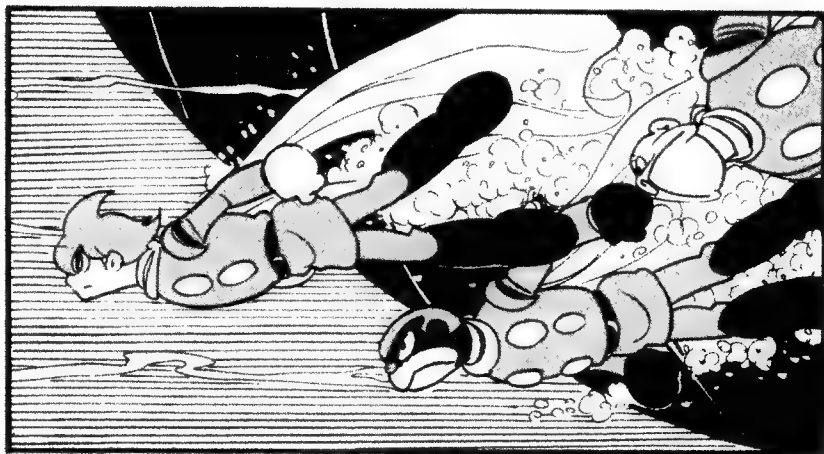
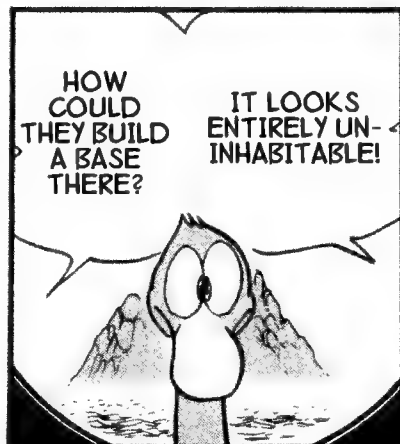
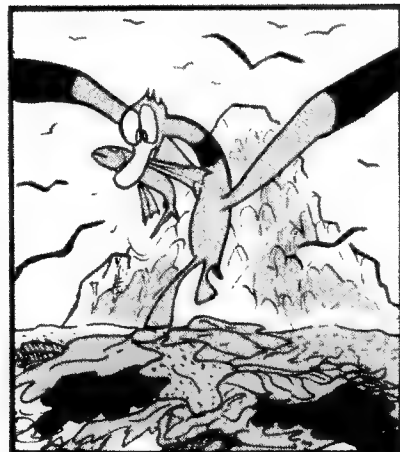
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THEY HAVE
HIM...

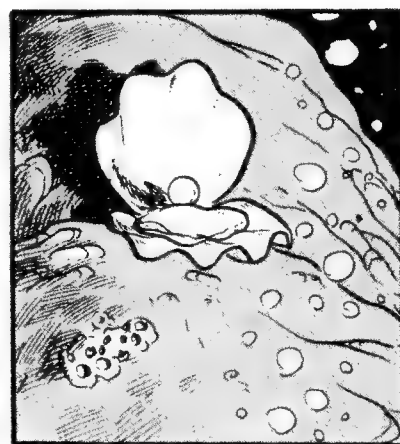
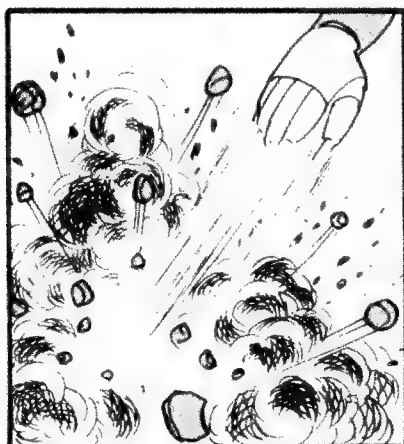
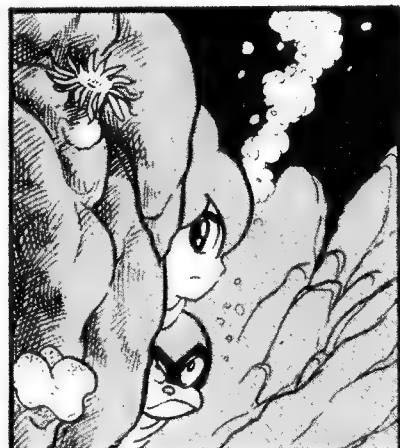
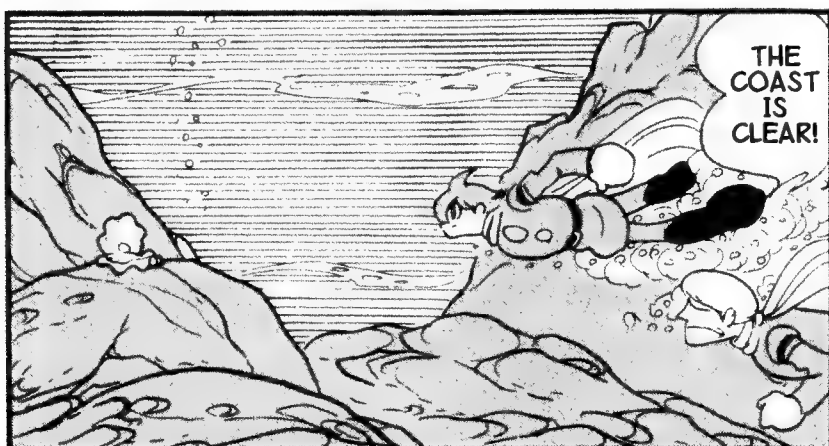
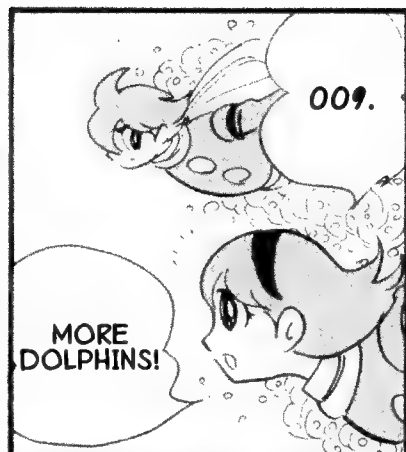
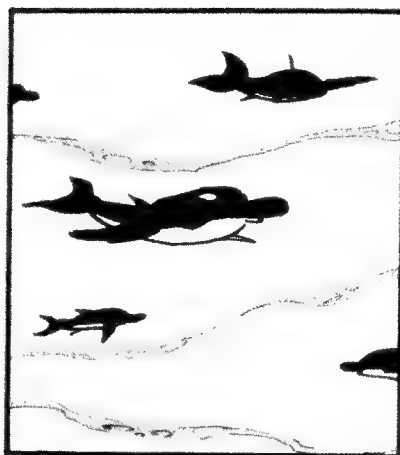
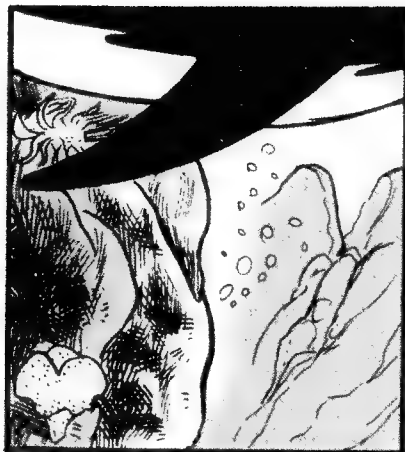
...HE SHOULD
BE THERE.

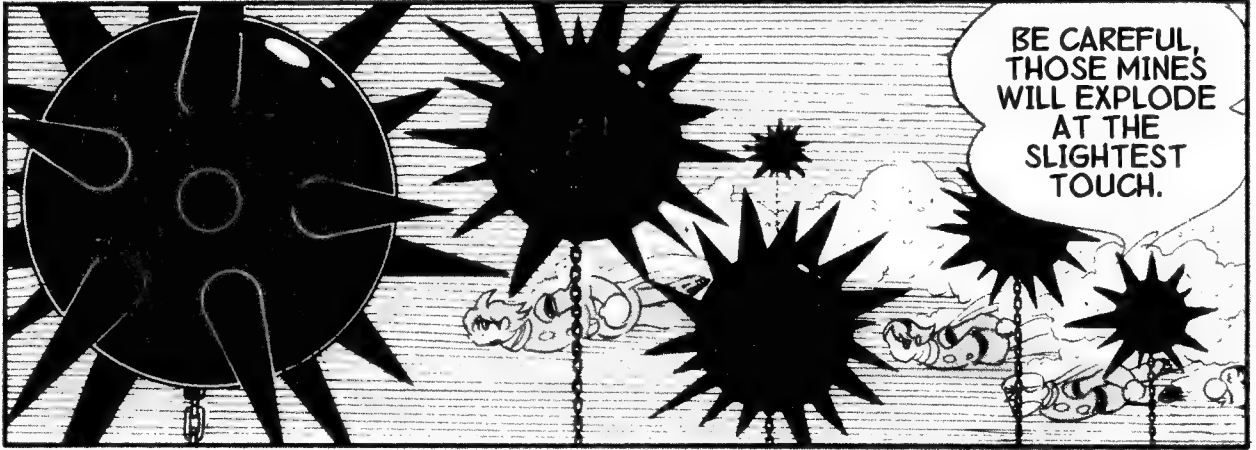
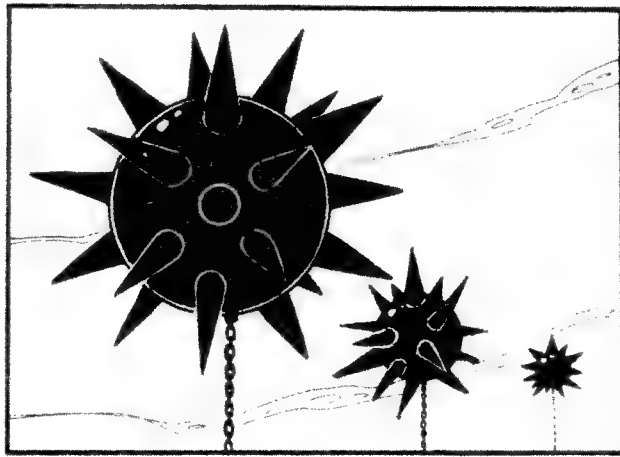


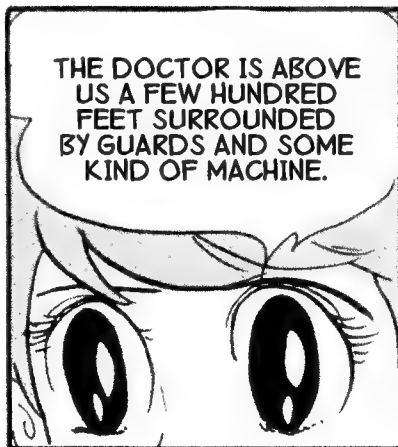
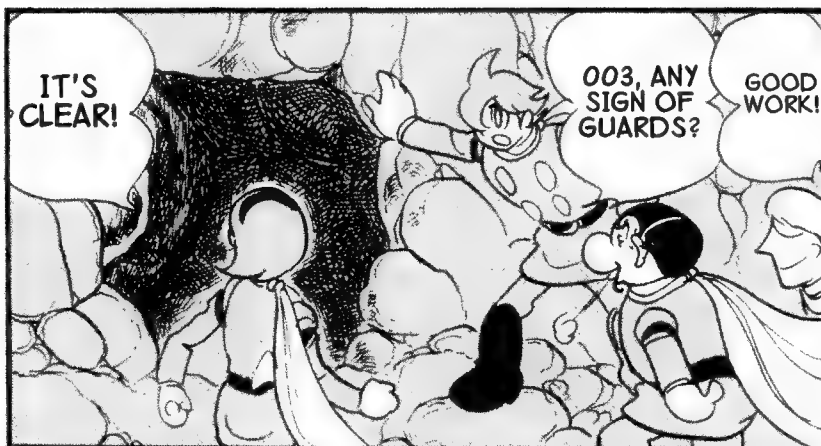
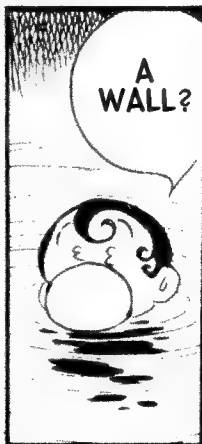
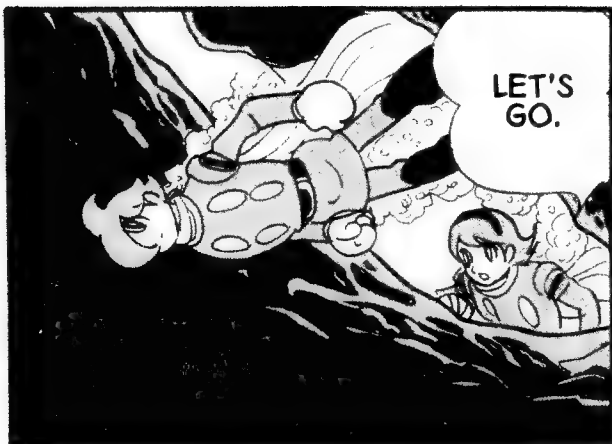


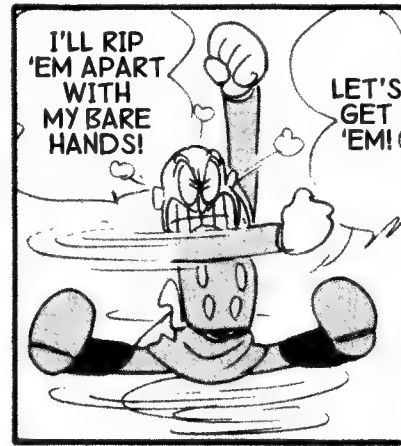
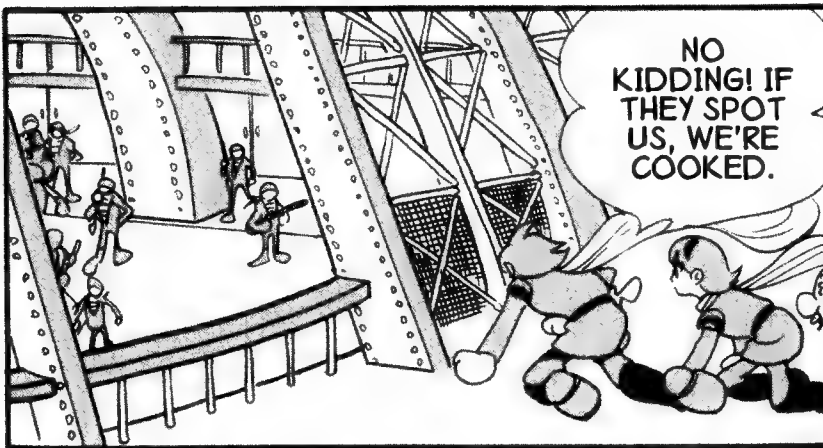
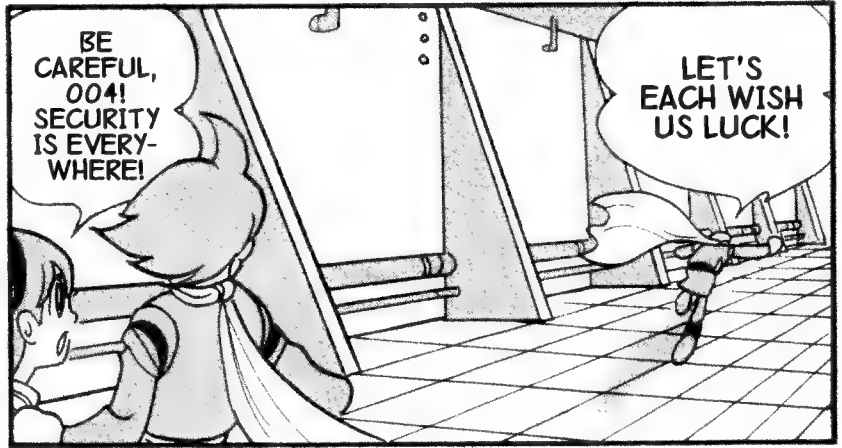


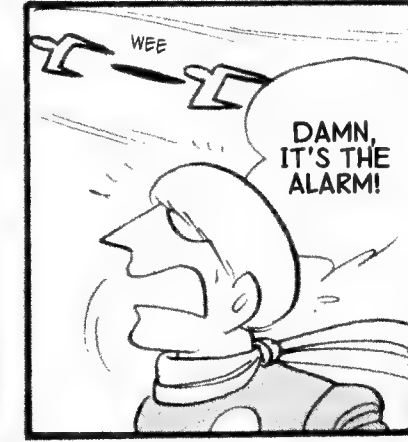
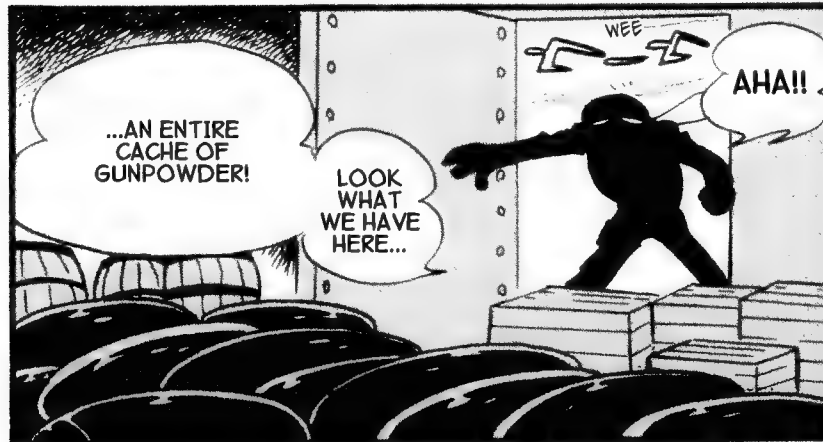
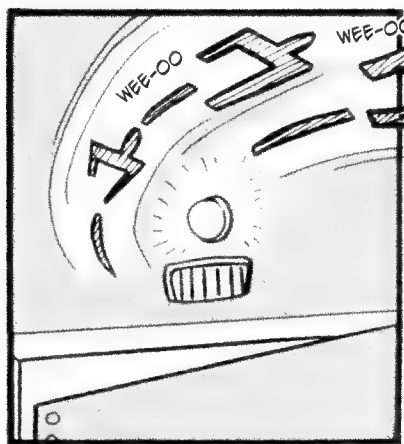
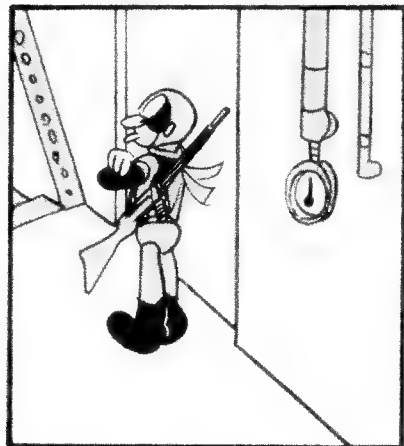
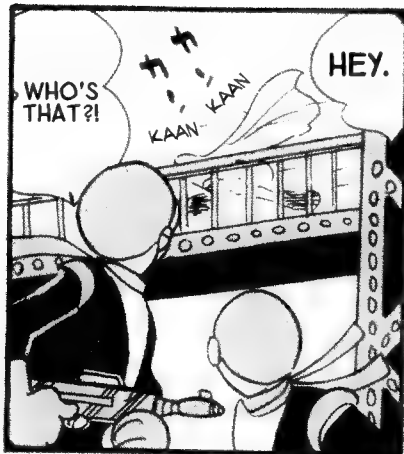


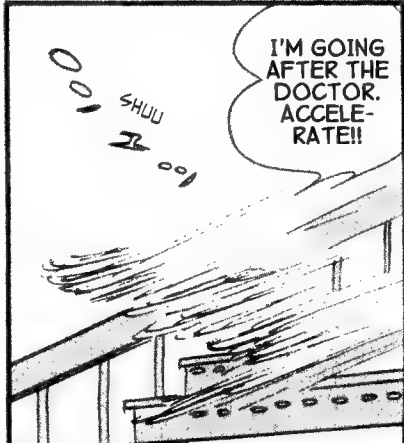
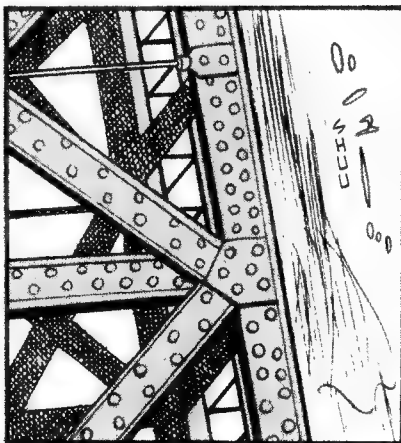
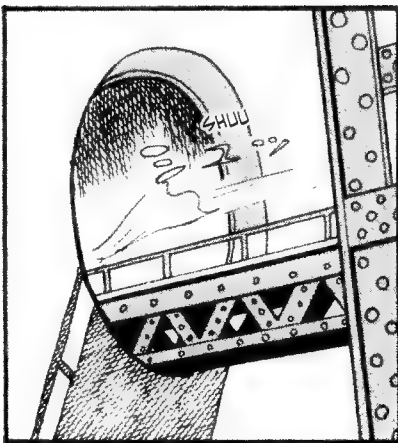
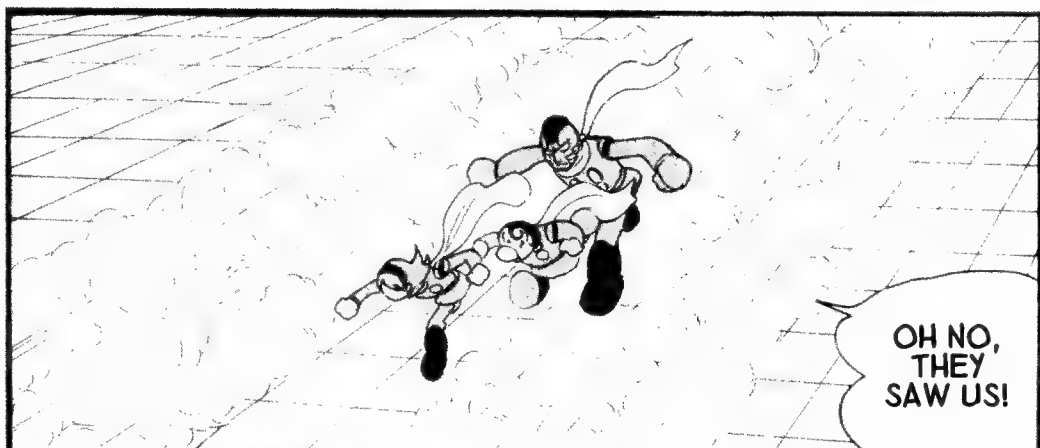
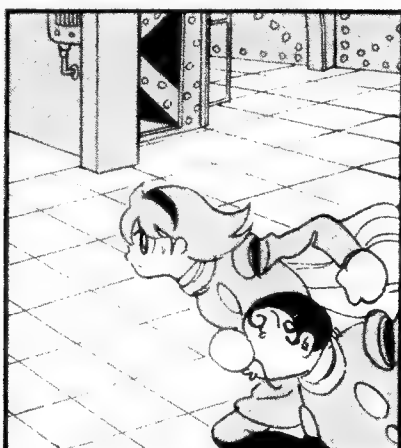
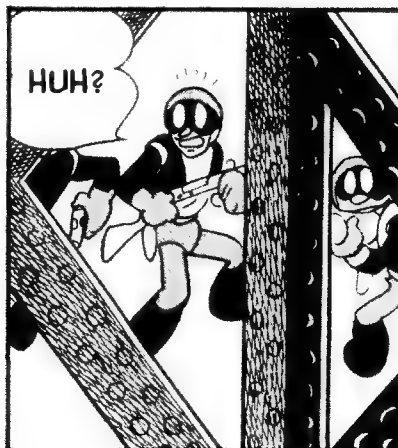
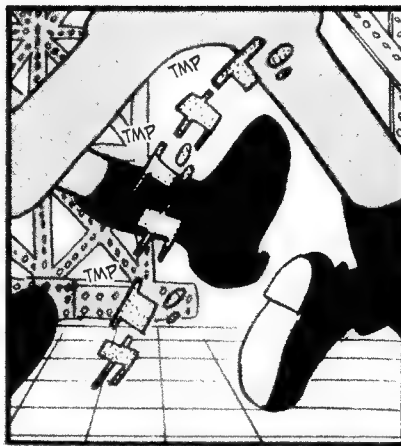
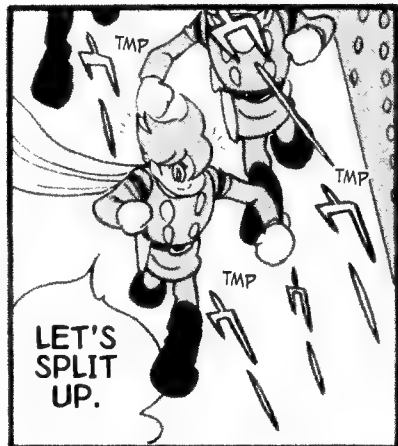


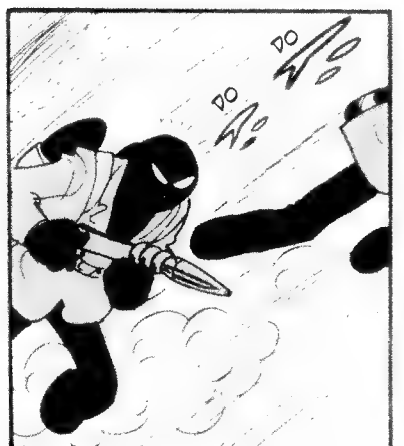
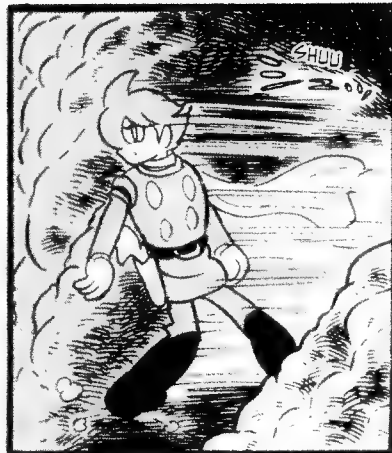


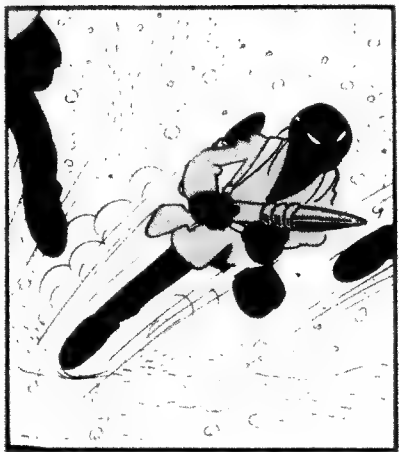
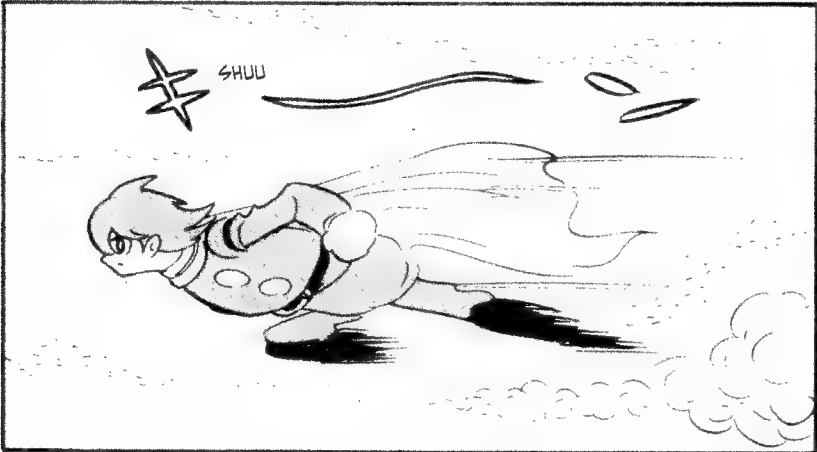
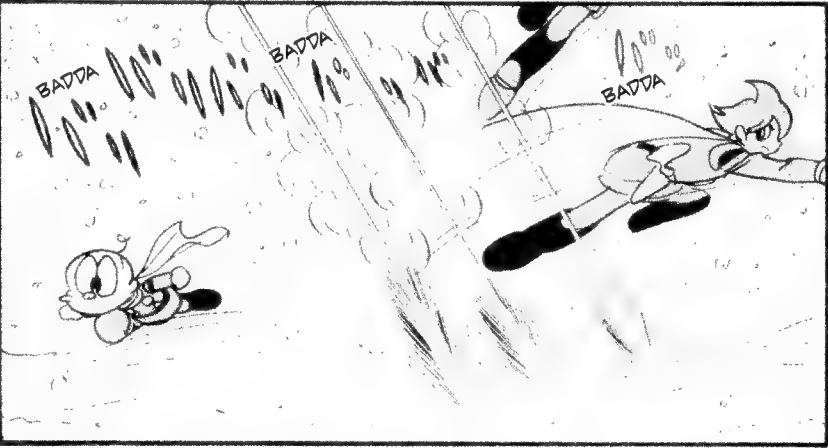
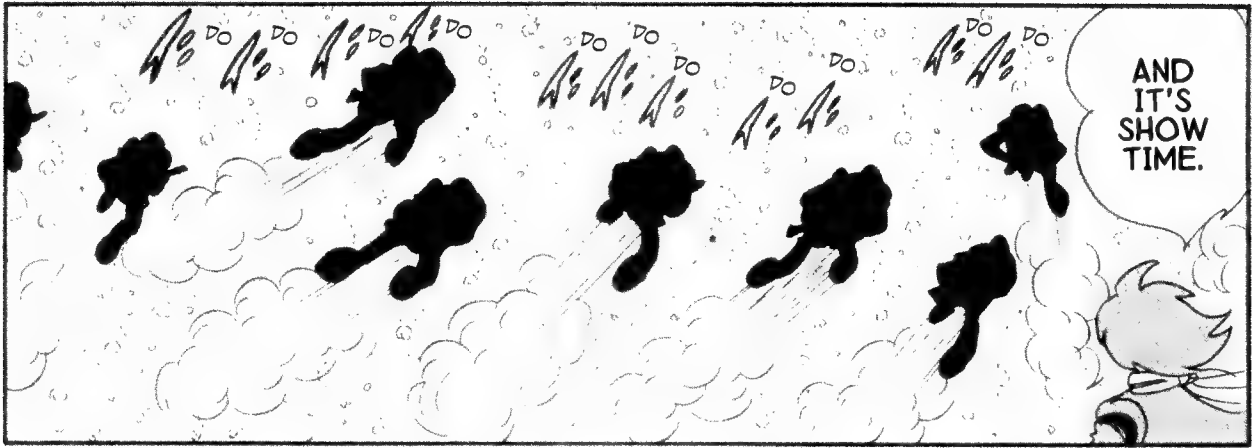


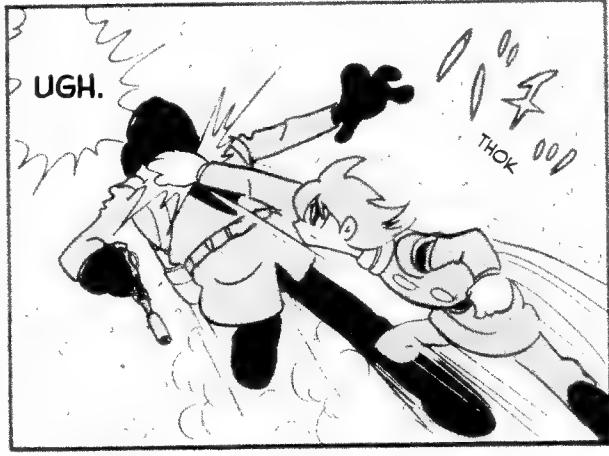
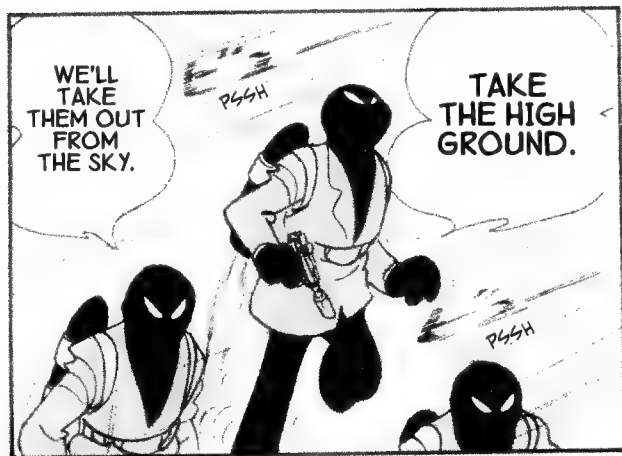
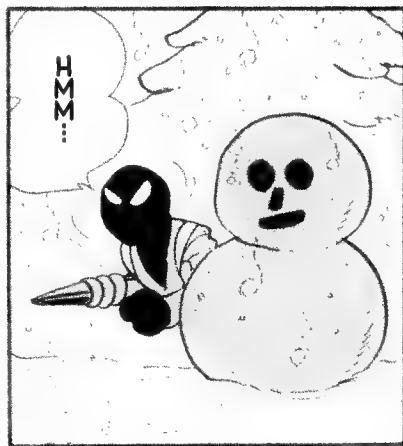
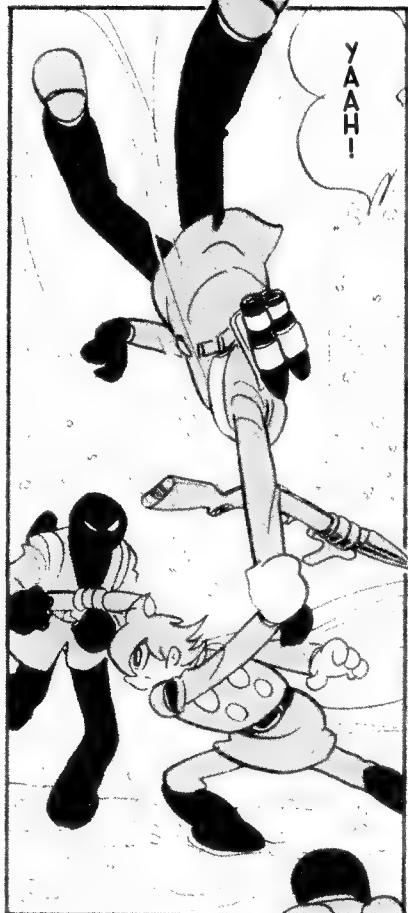


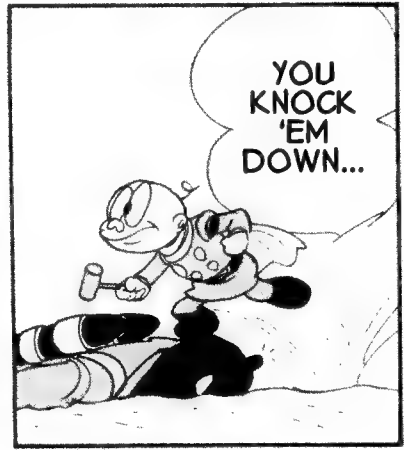
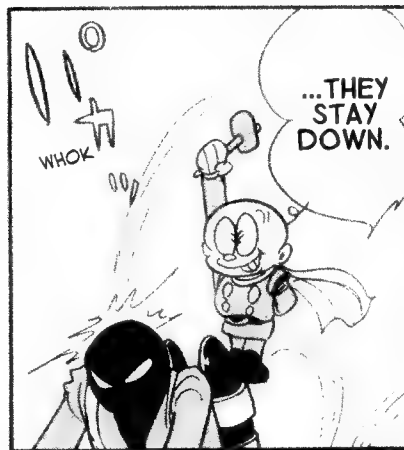
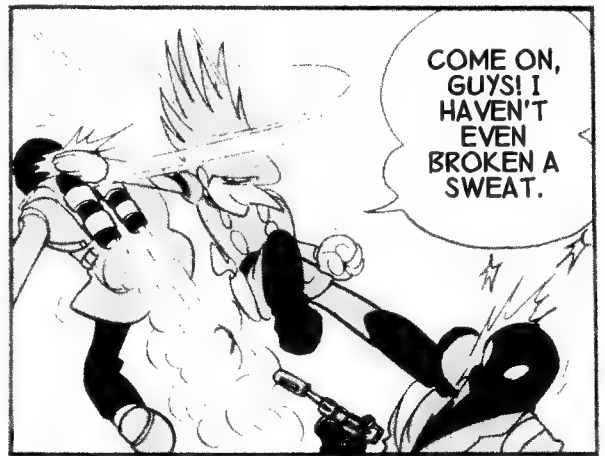
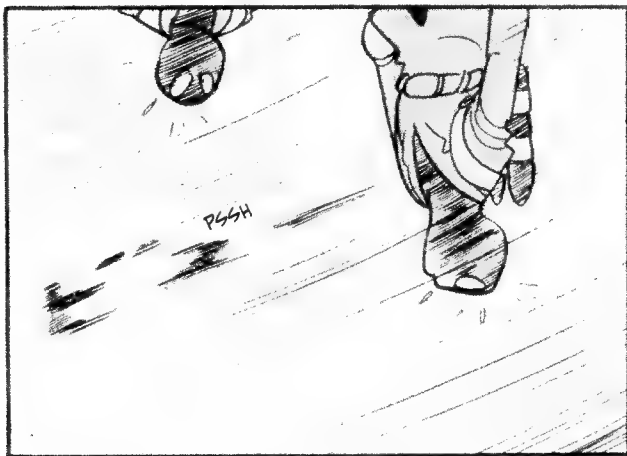
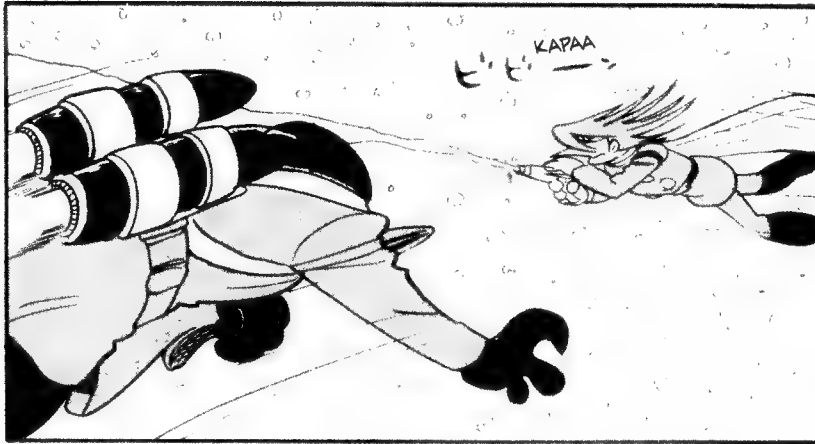
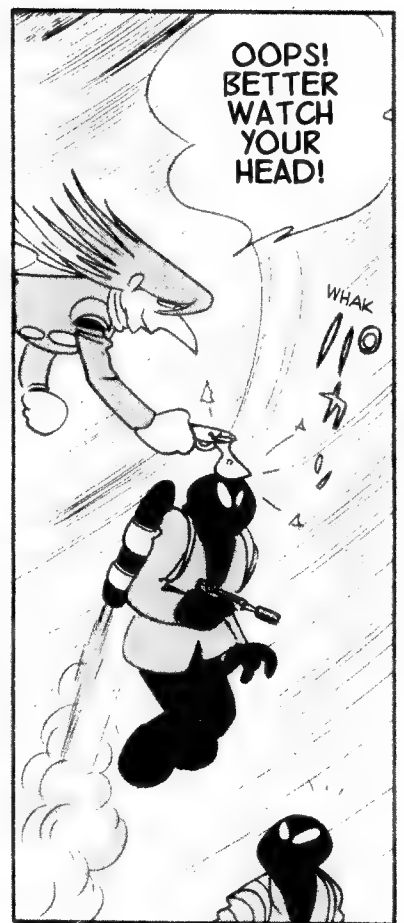


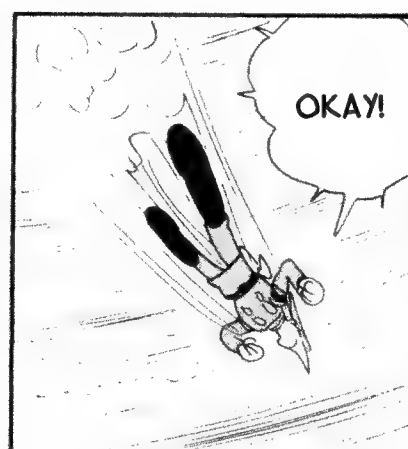
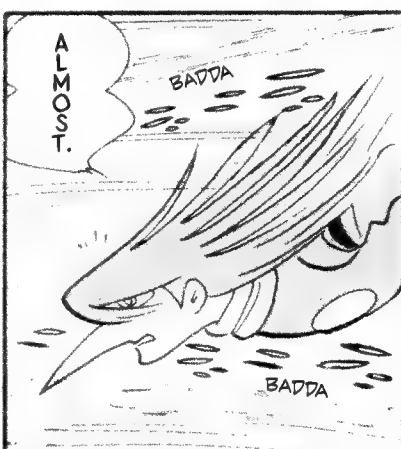
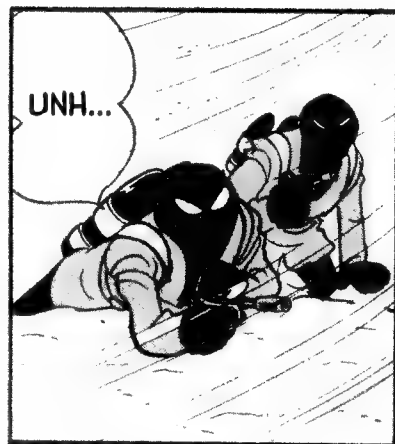
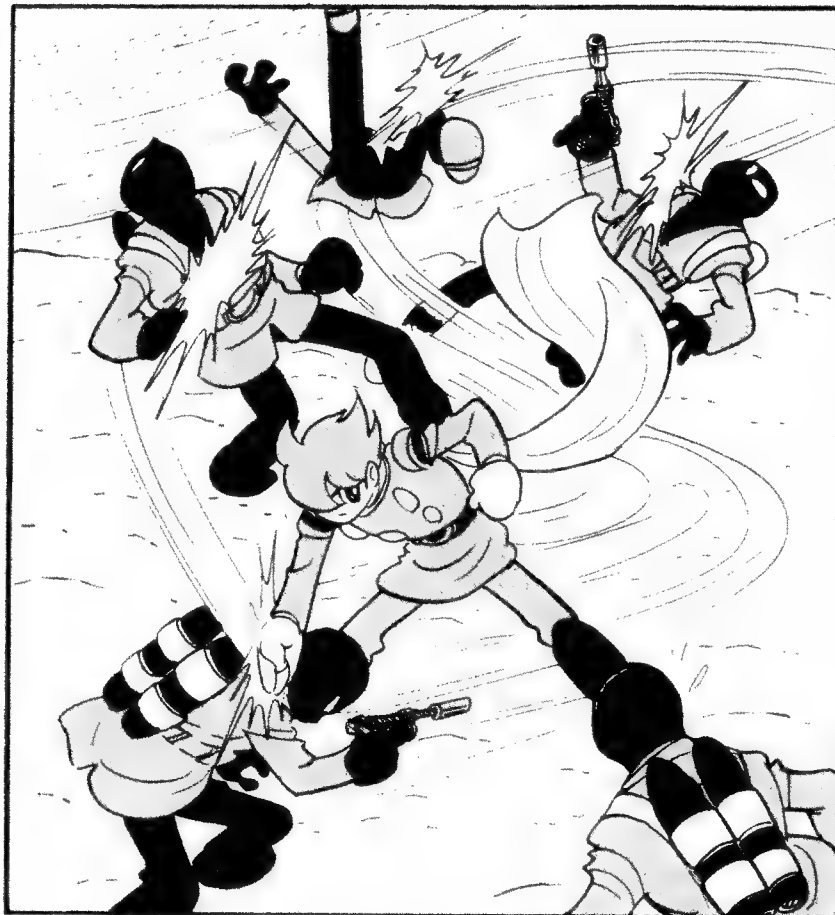


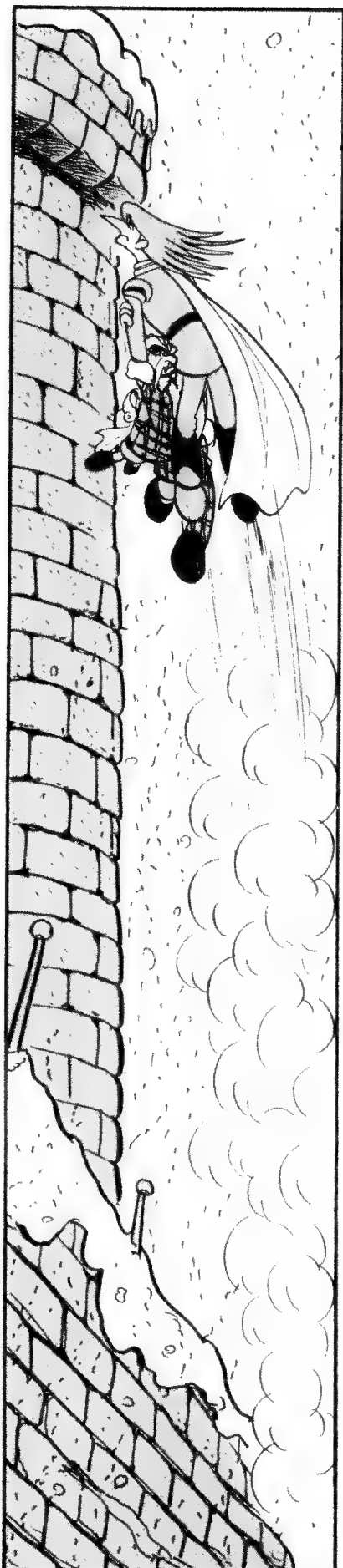
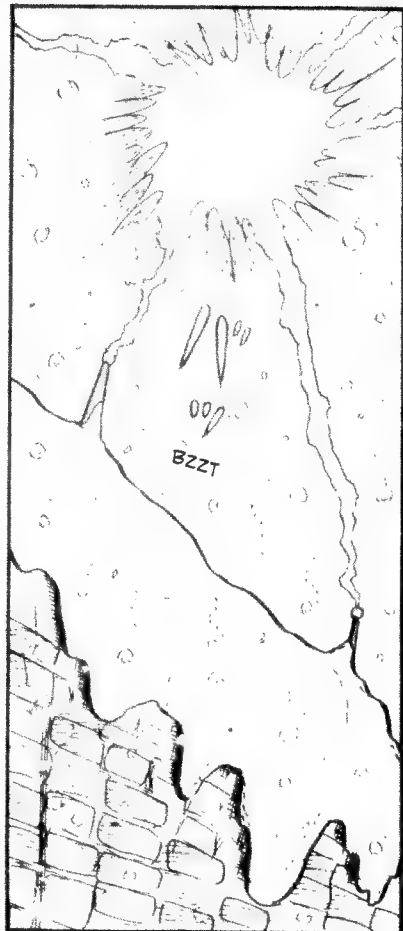
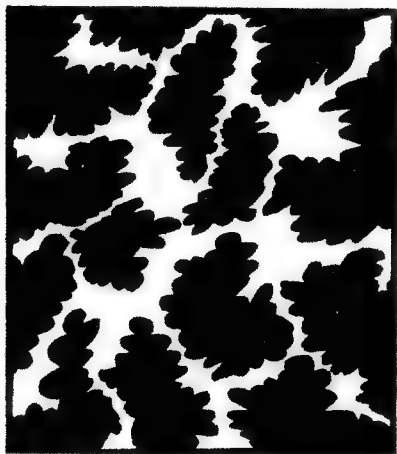
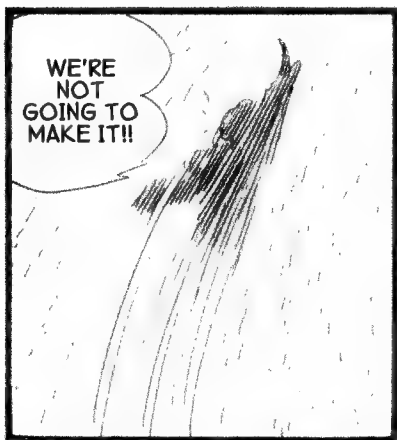
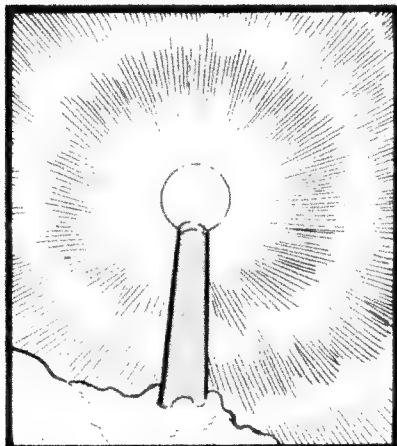
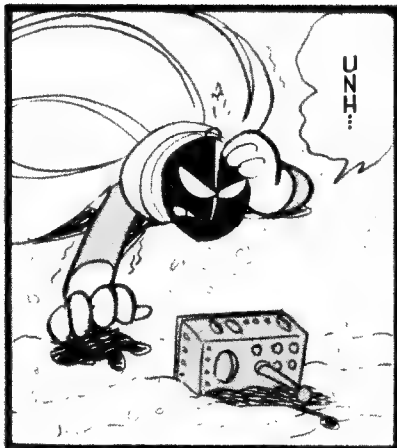


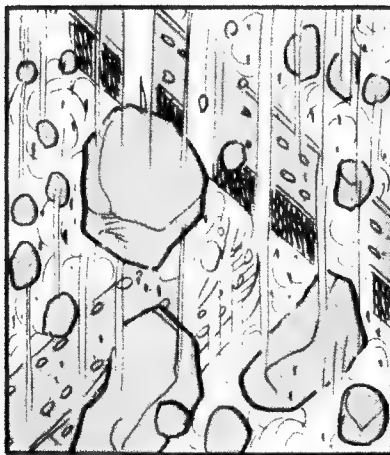
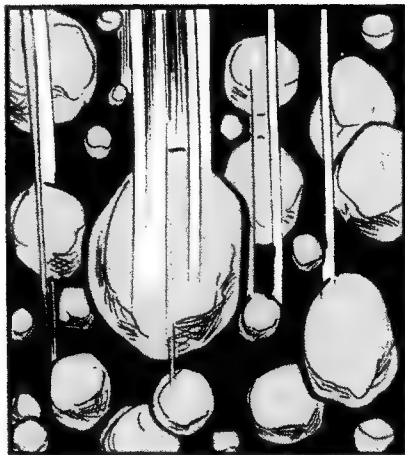


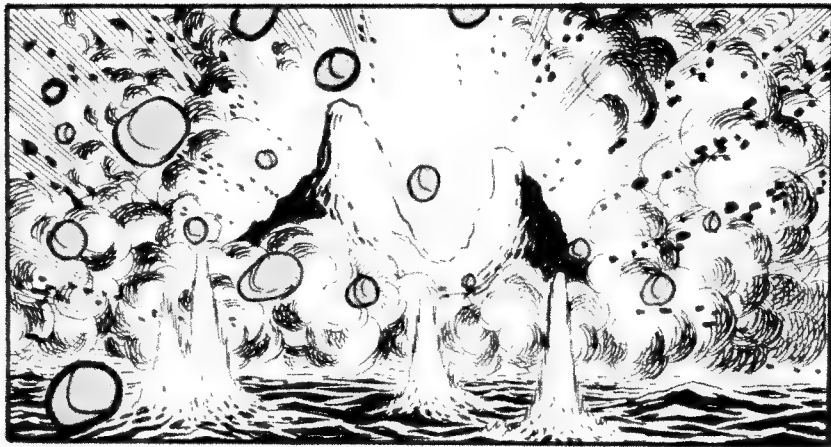


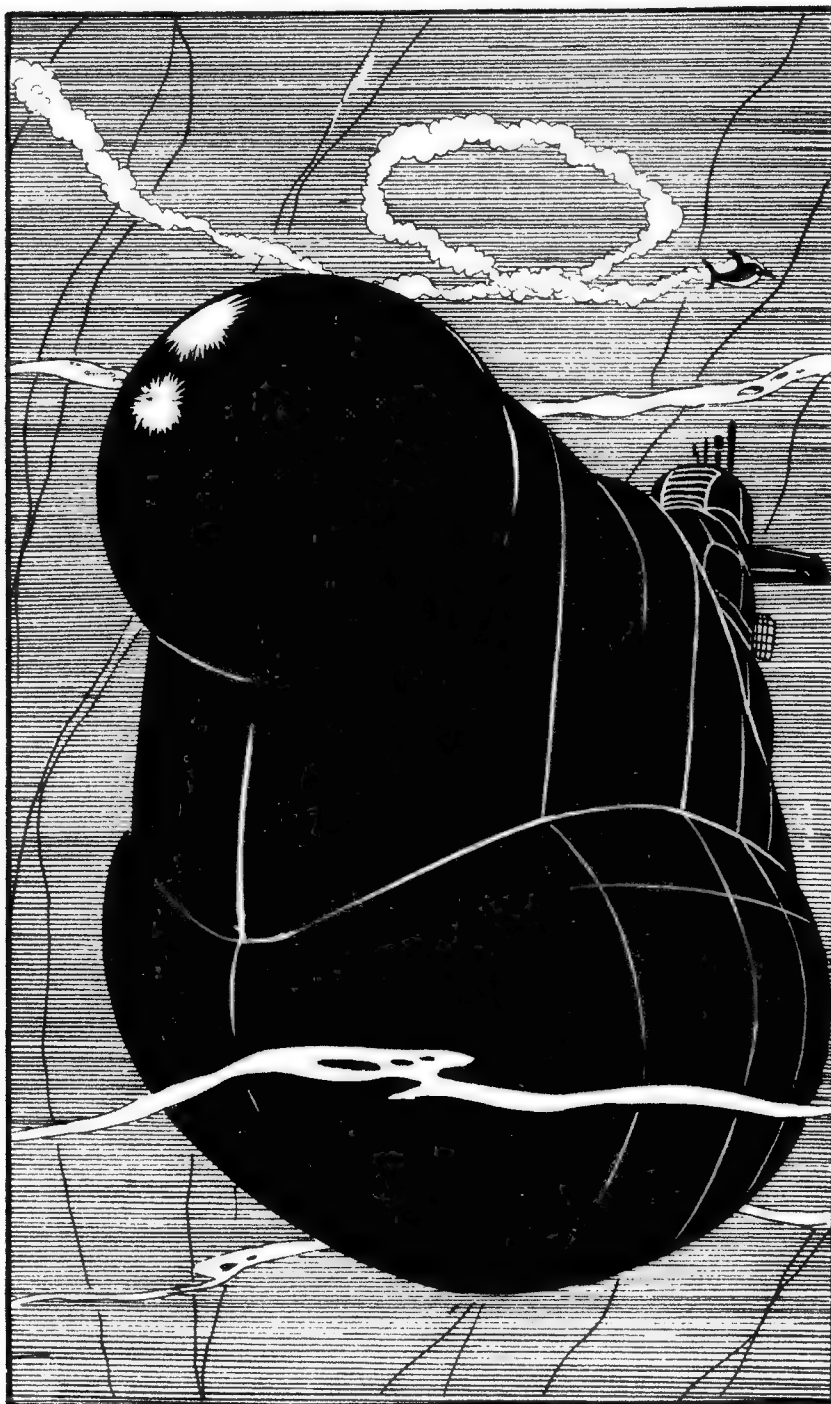
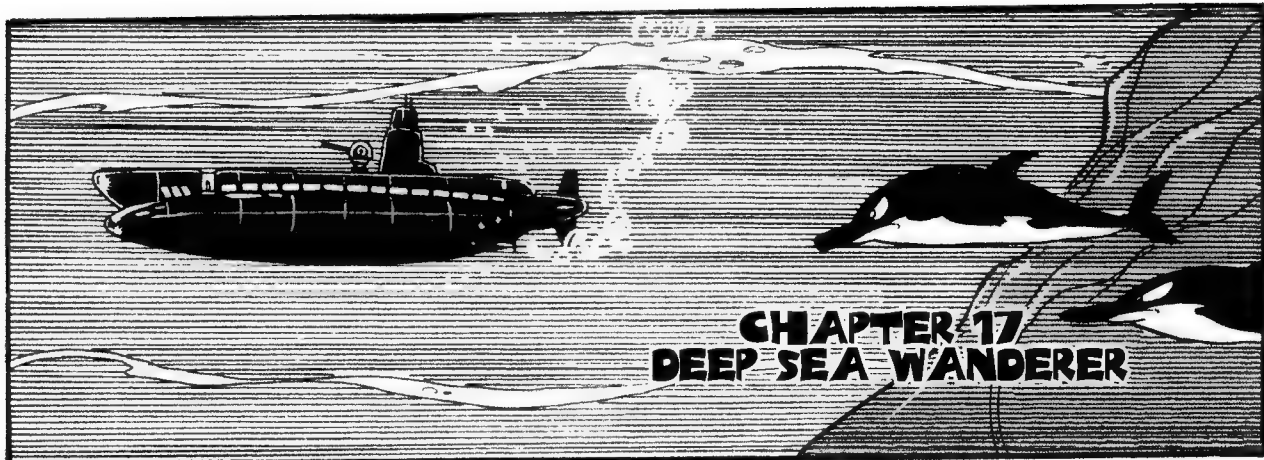




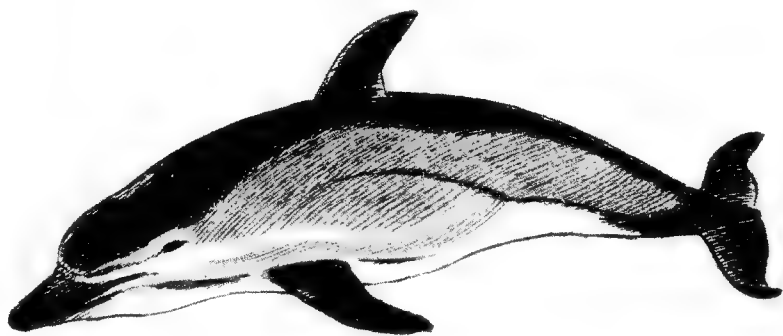
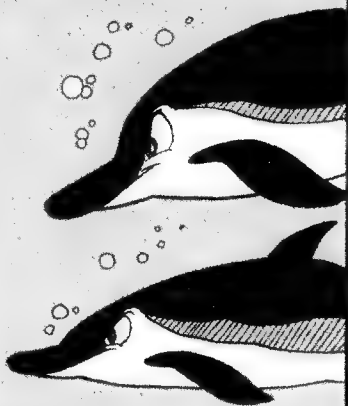




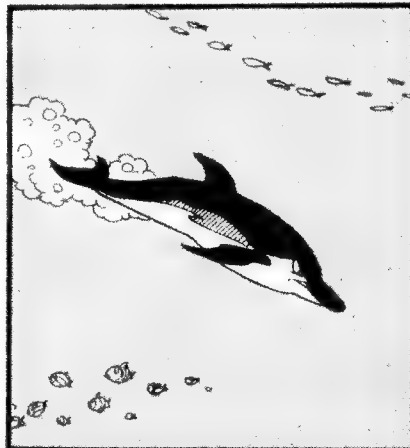
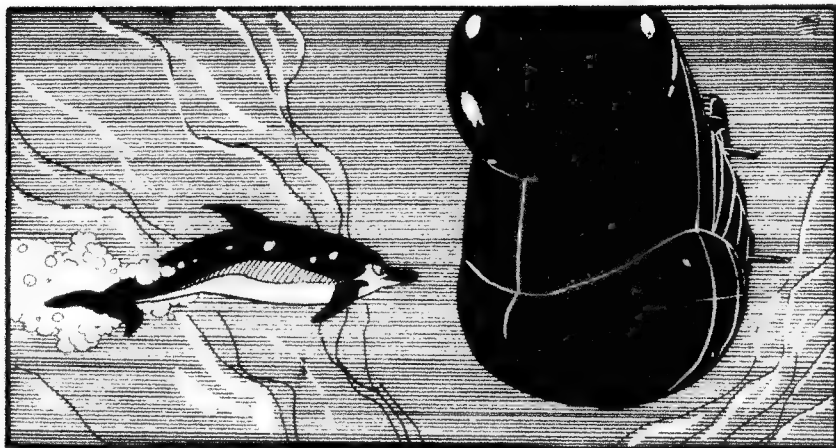


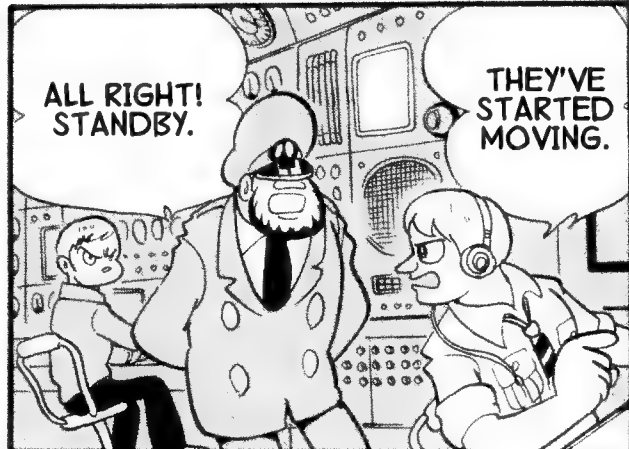
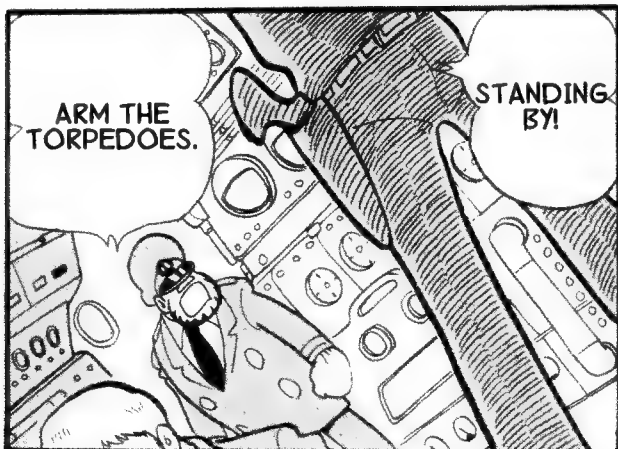
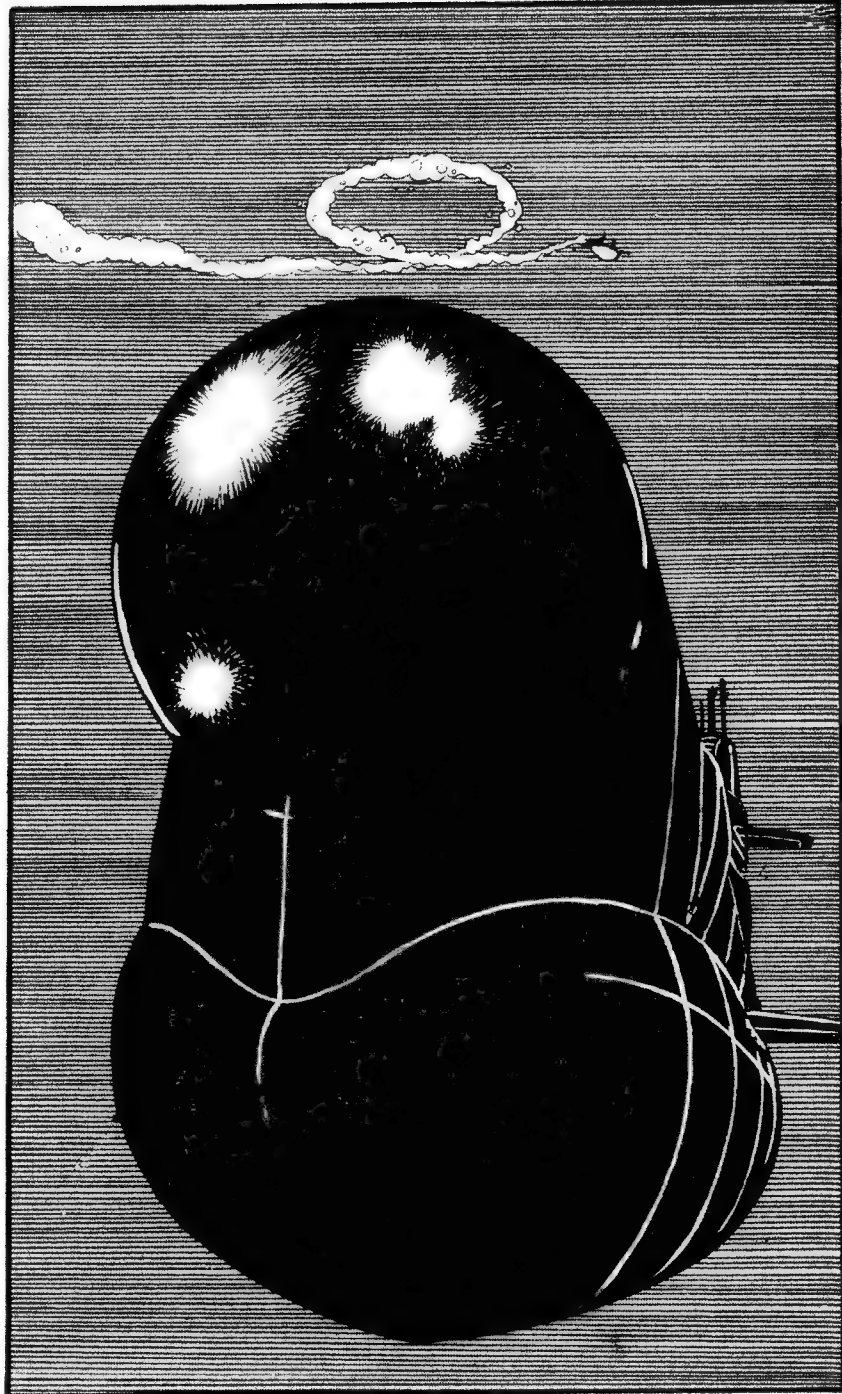
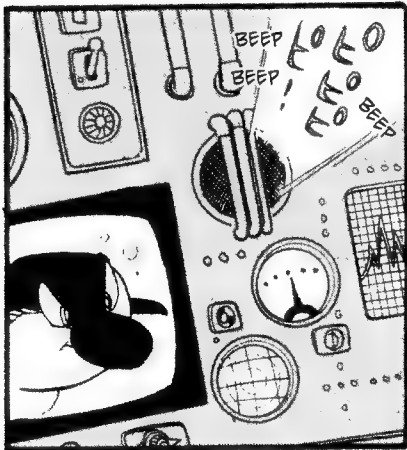
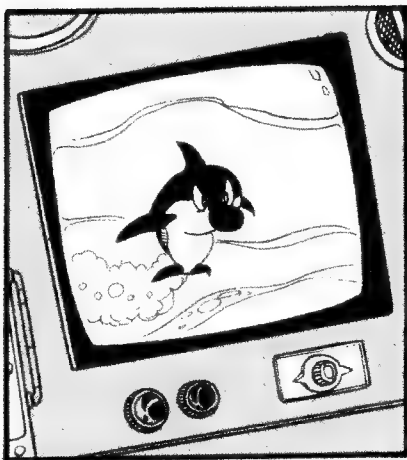


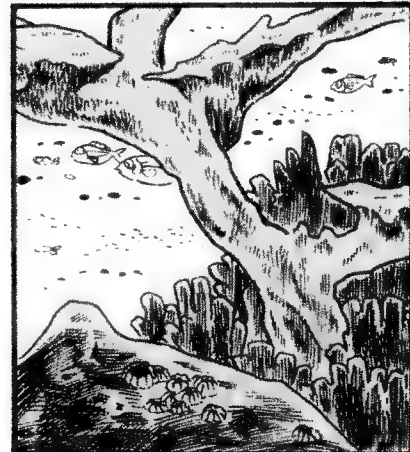
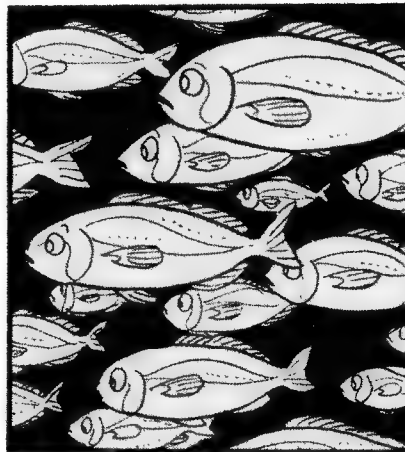
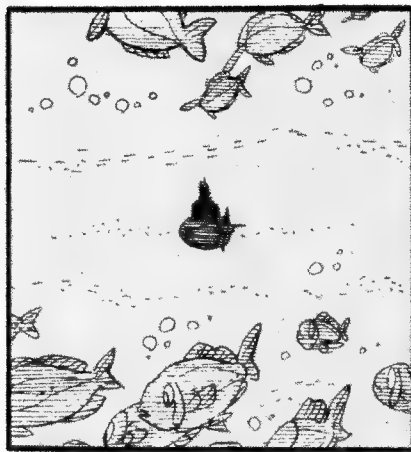
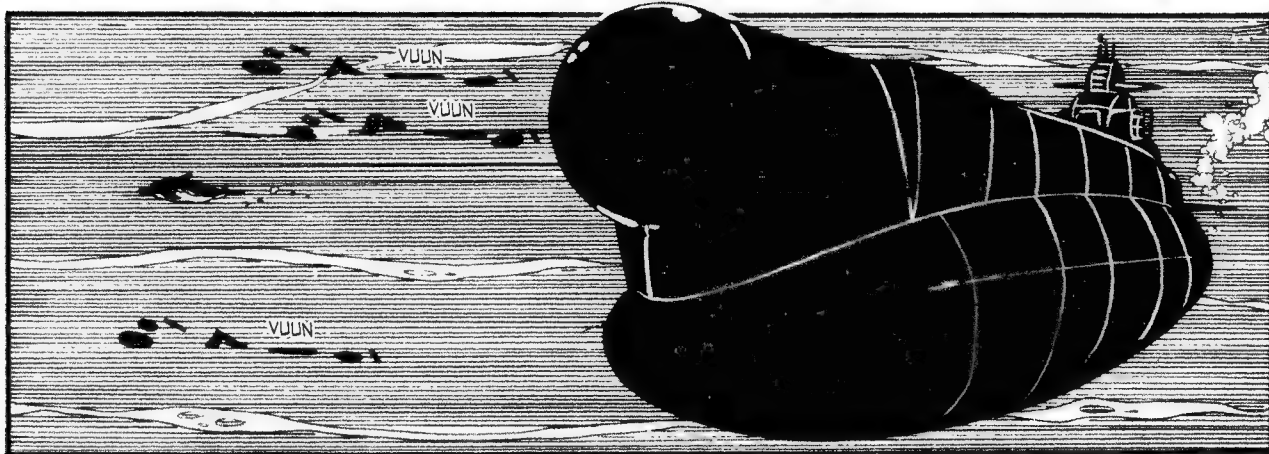
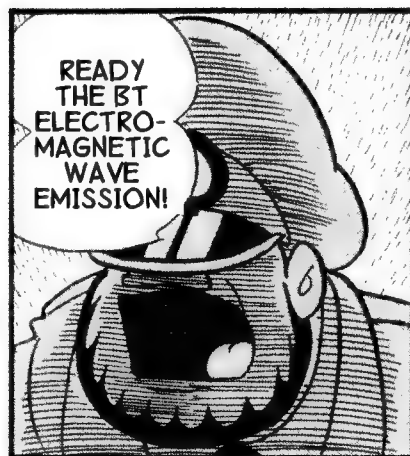
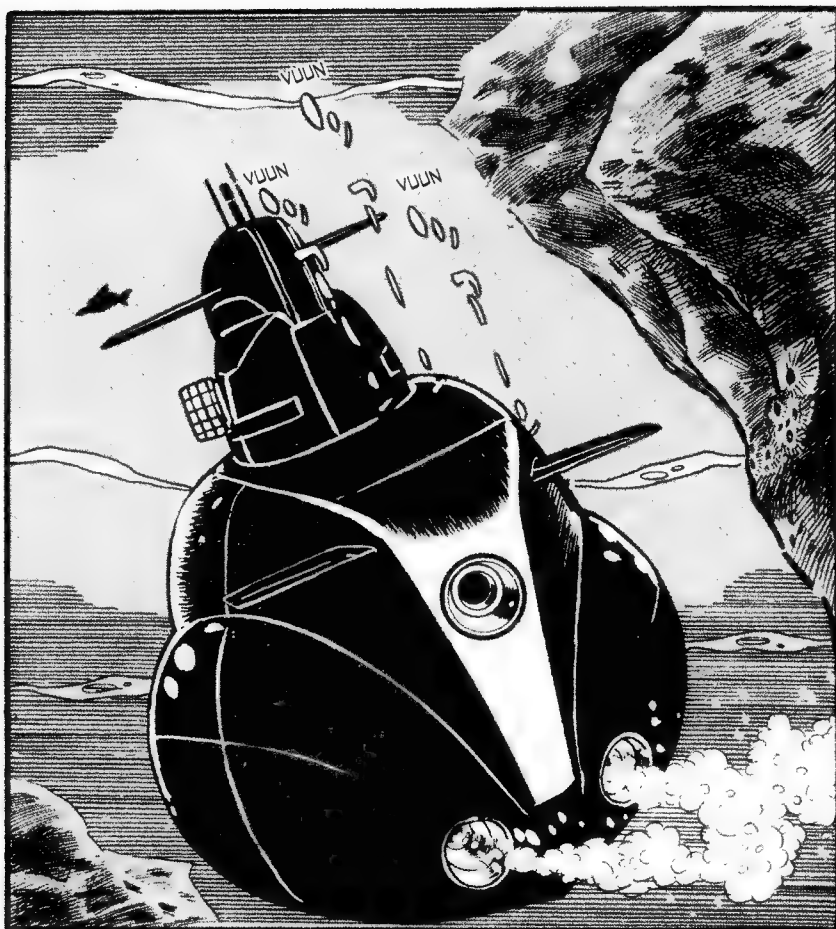
The Black Ghost's scientists concentrated their efforts on training a large number of these dolphins to be their eyes and ears out in the open sea. As a result, the Black Ghost created entire legions of these aquatic mammals to perform stealthy reconnaissance around the globe.

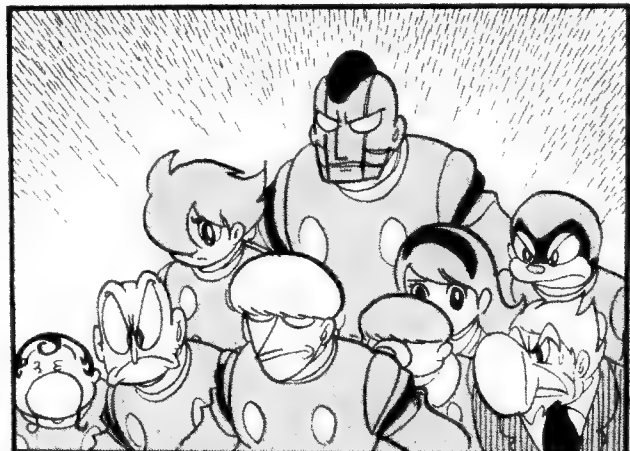
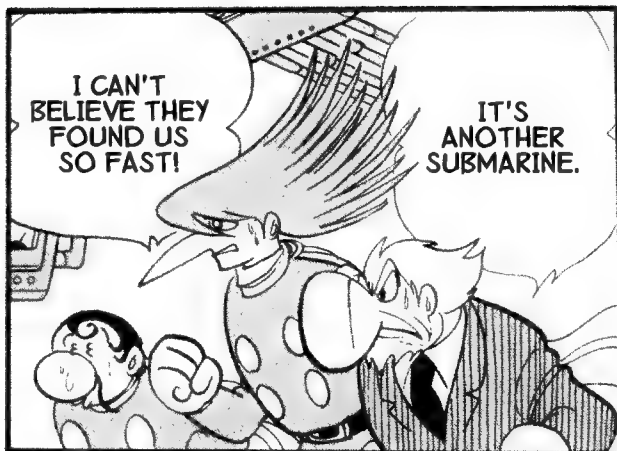
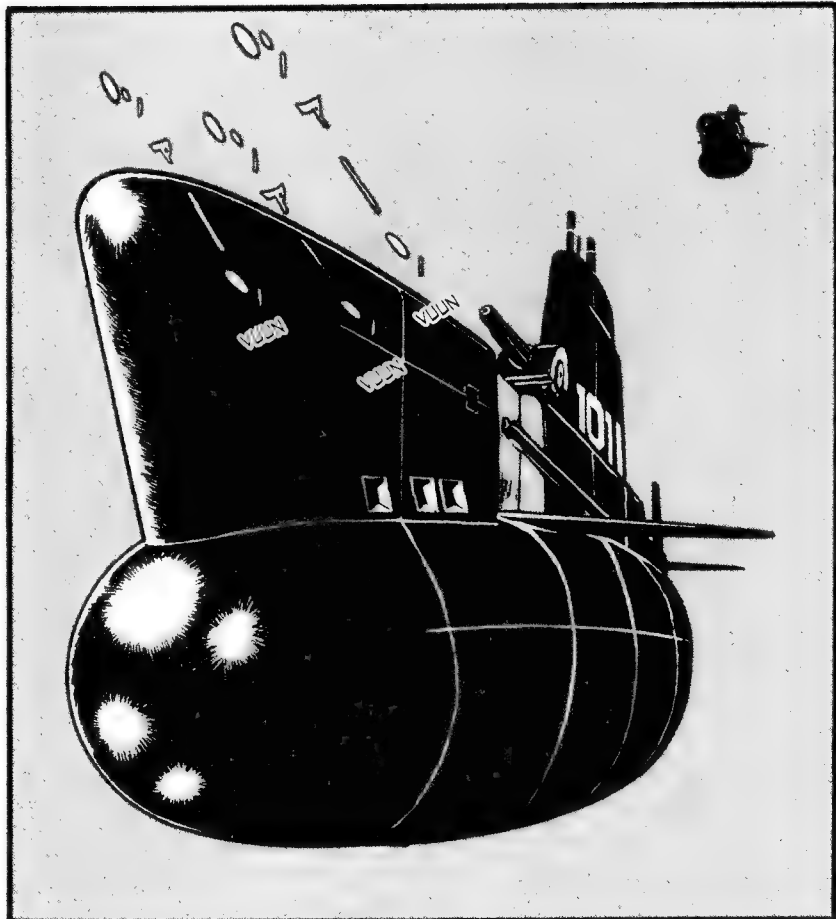
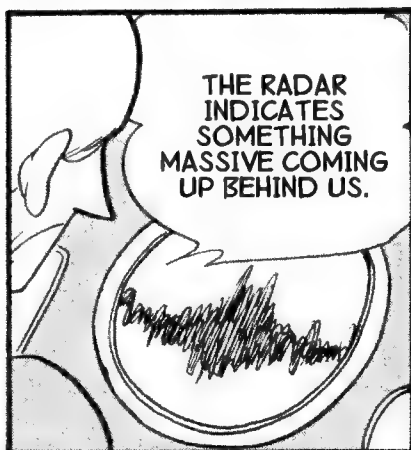
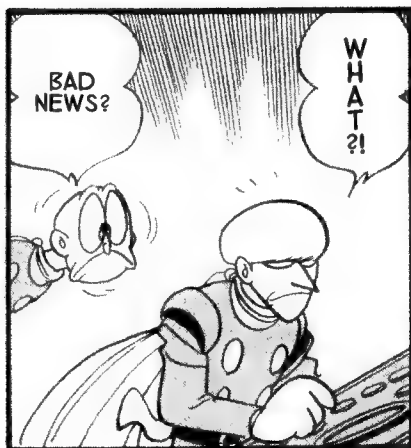
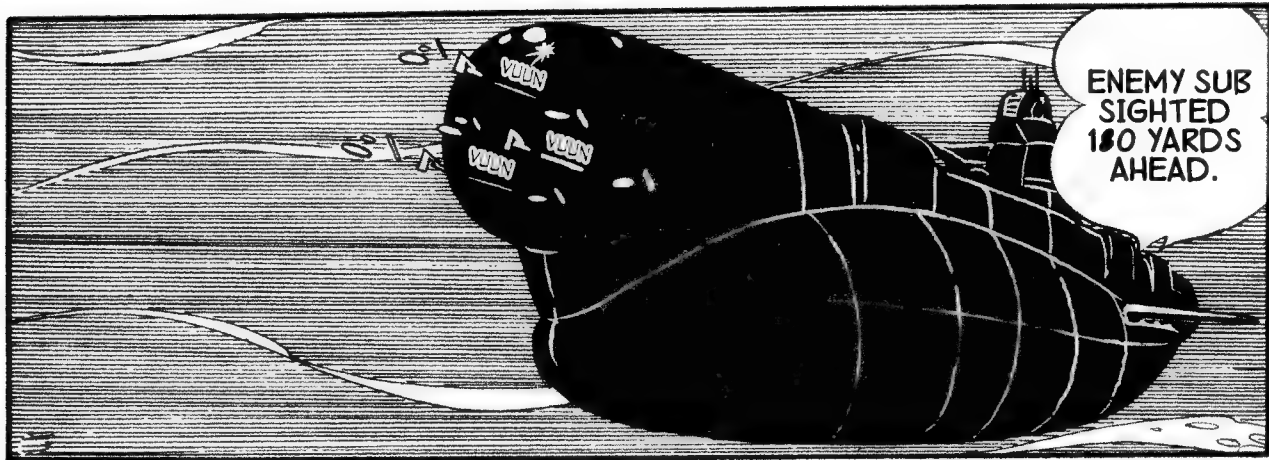


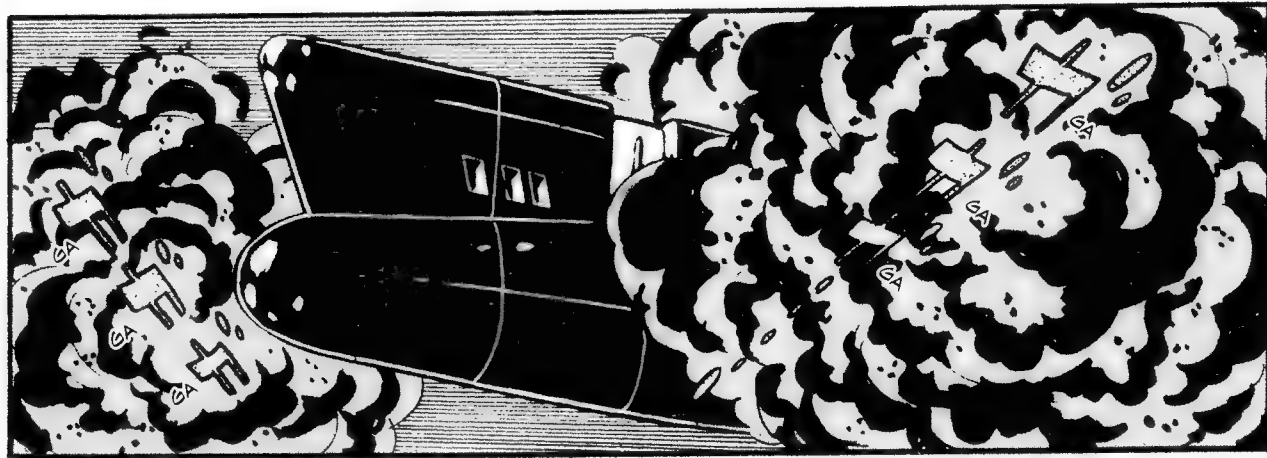
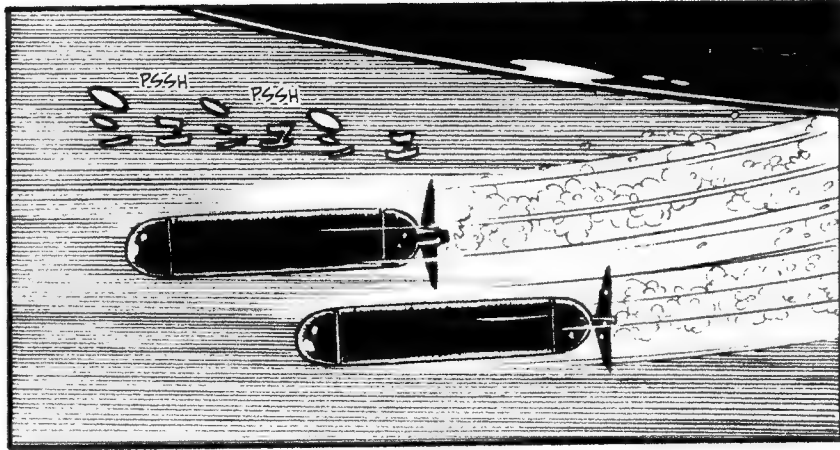
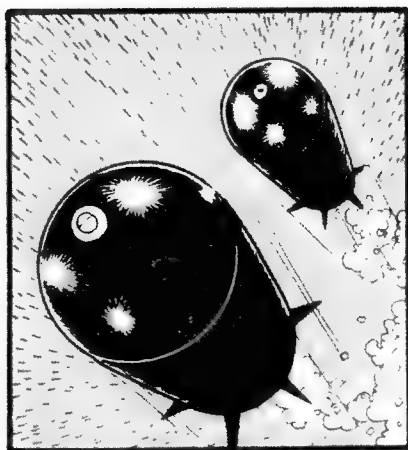
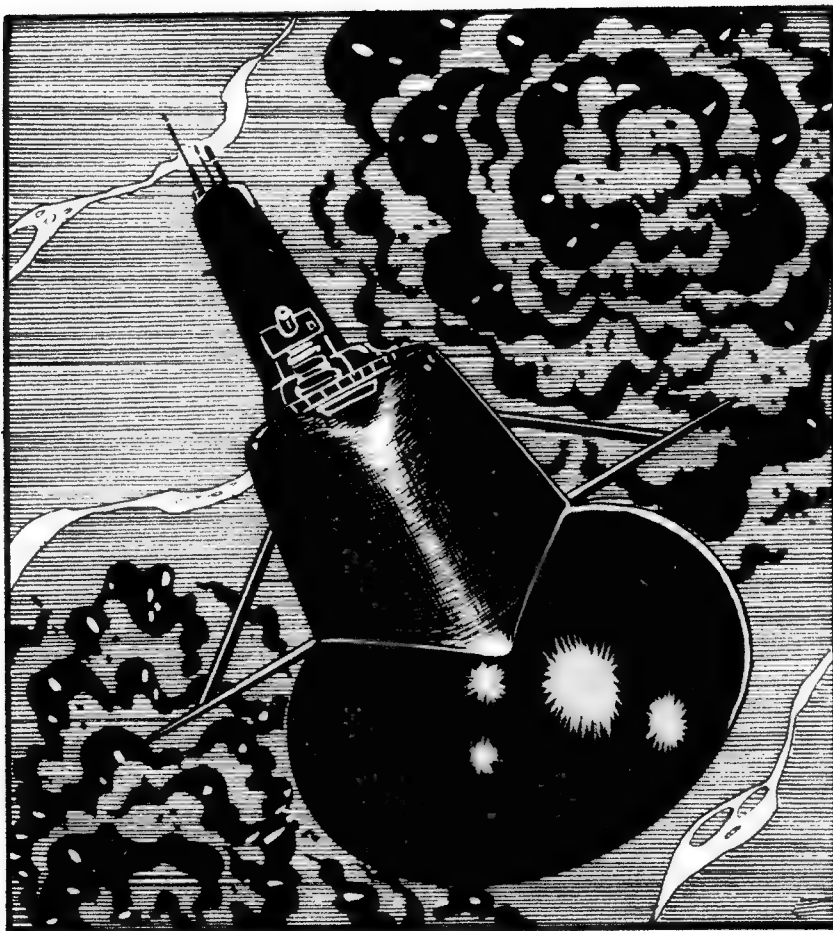
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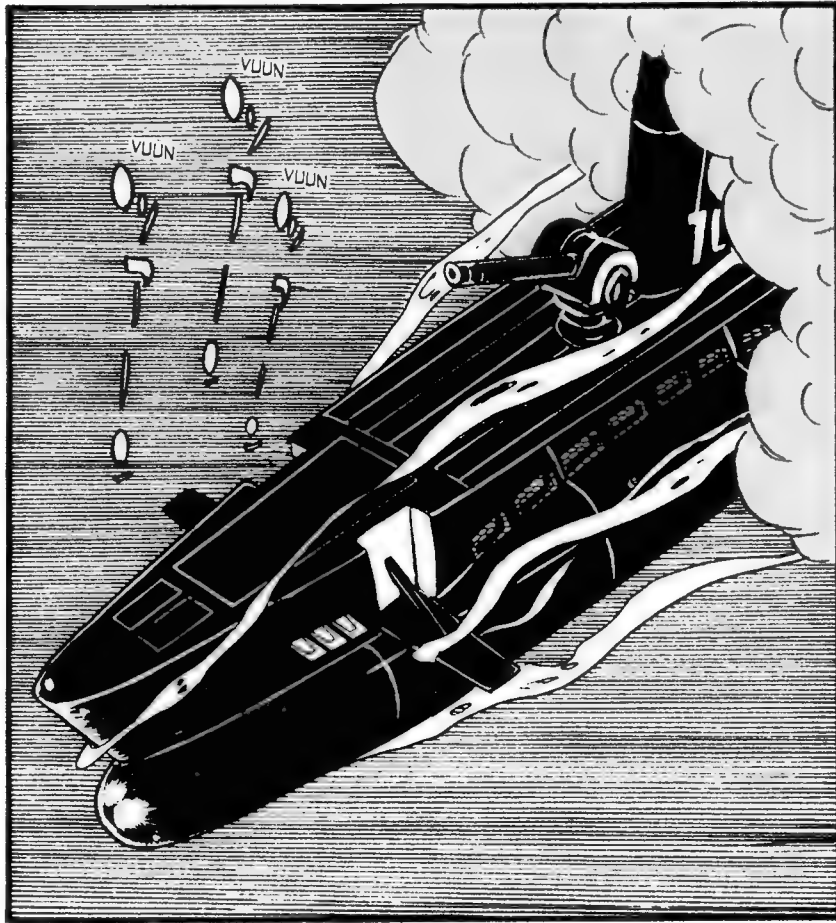
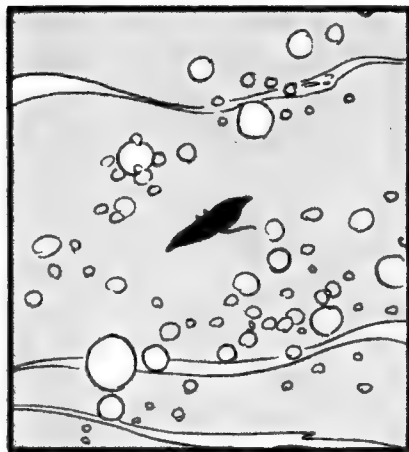
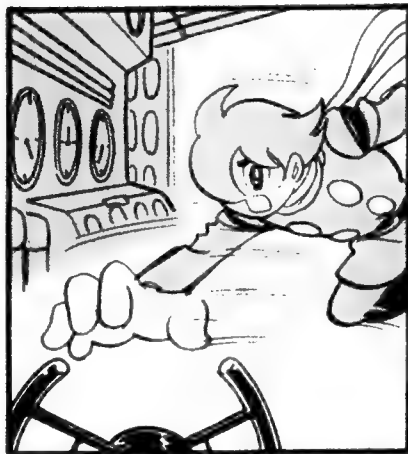


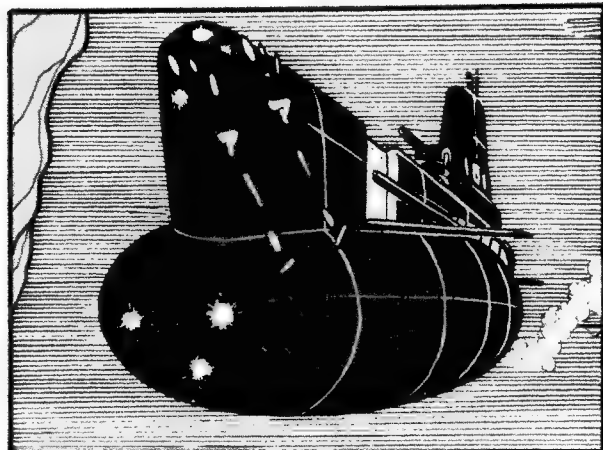
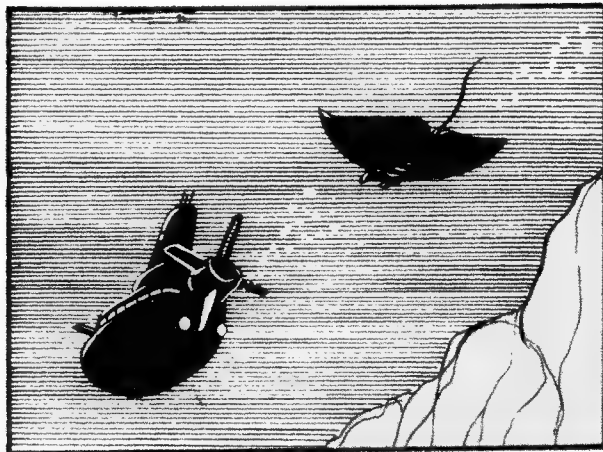
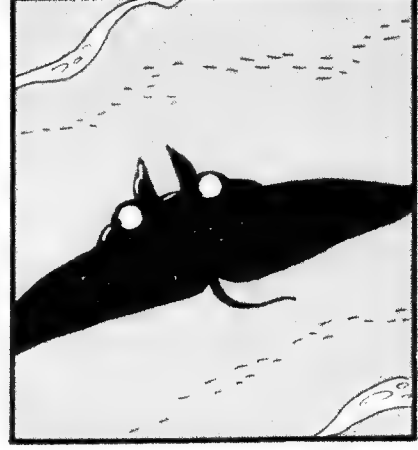
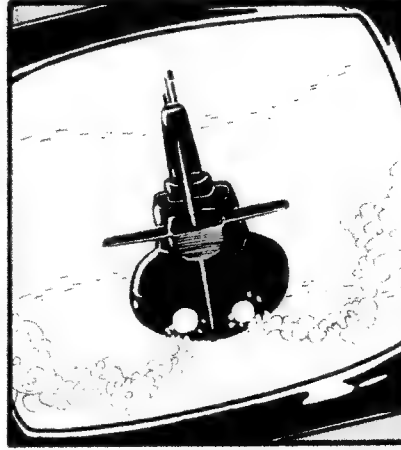
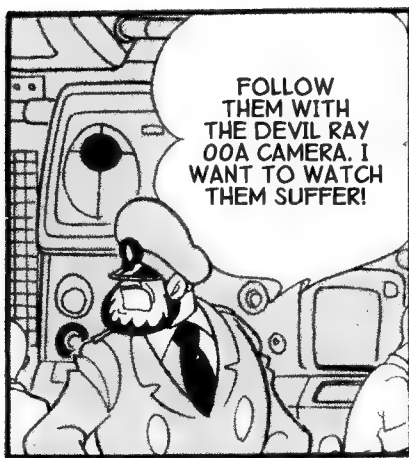






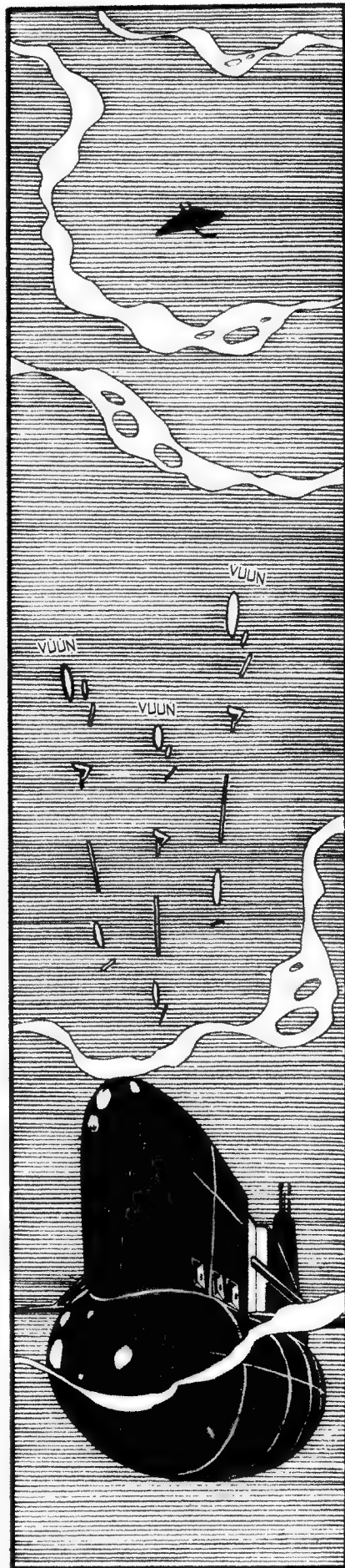
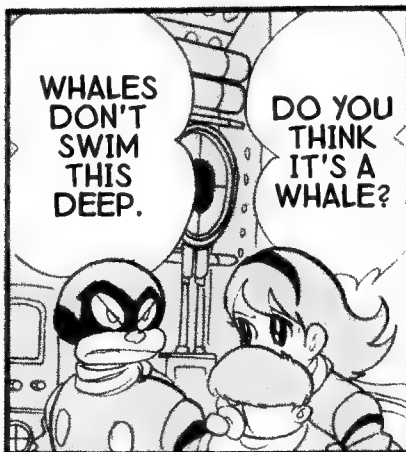
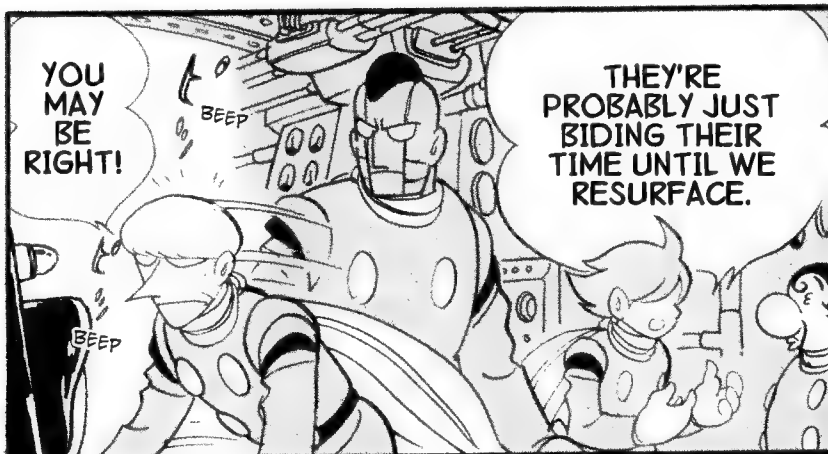


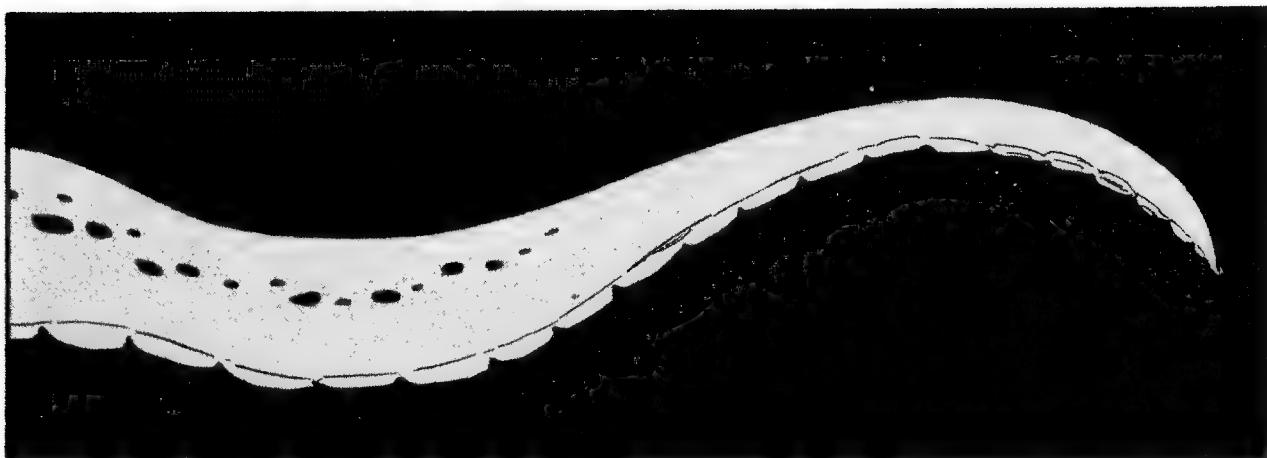
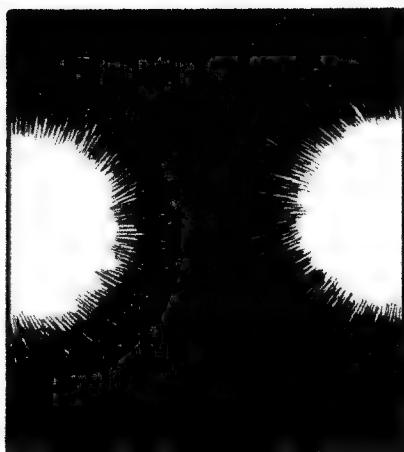
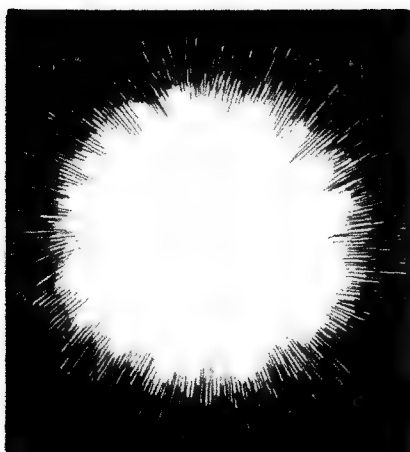
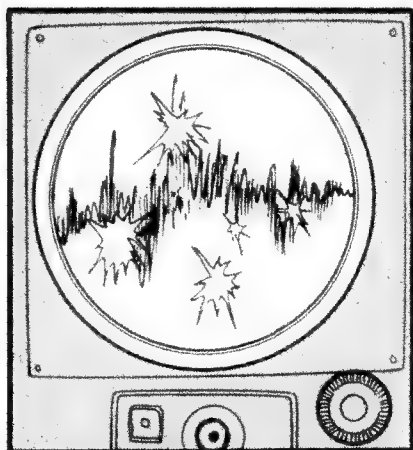
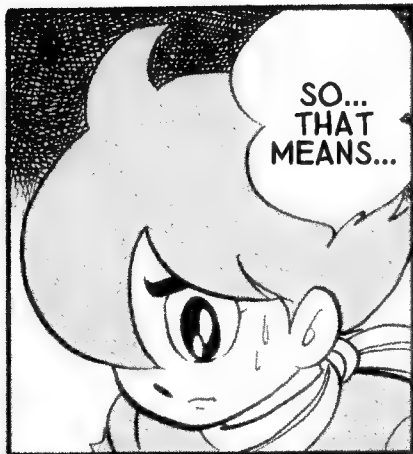
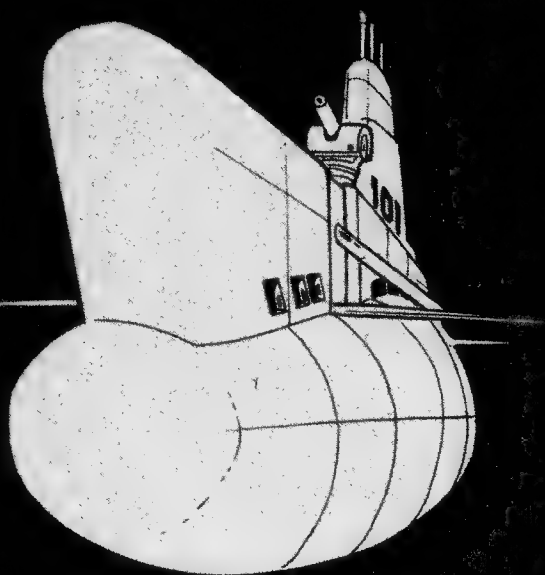


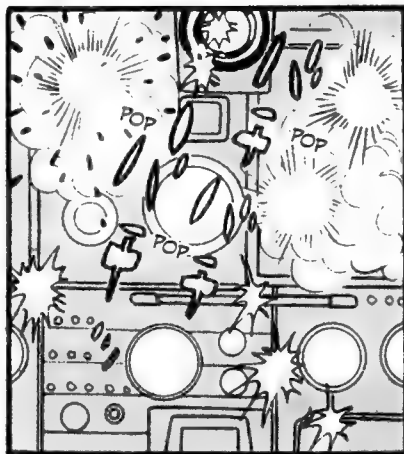


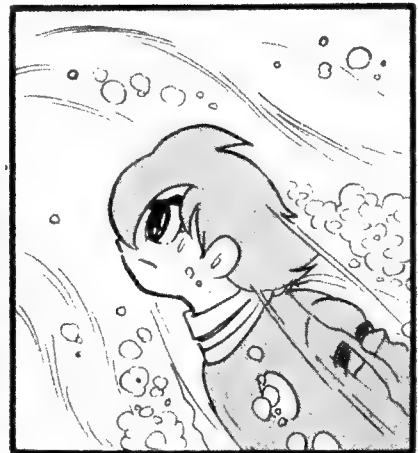
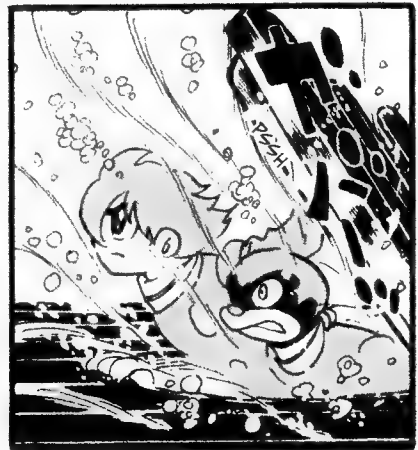
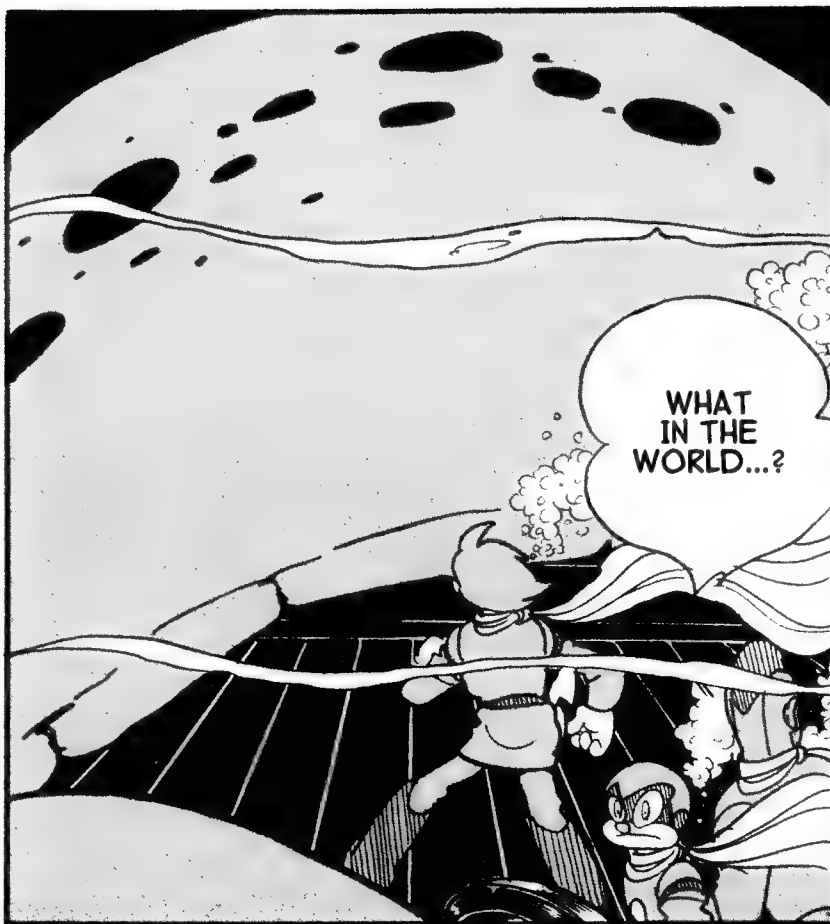
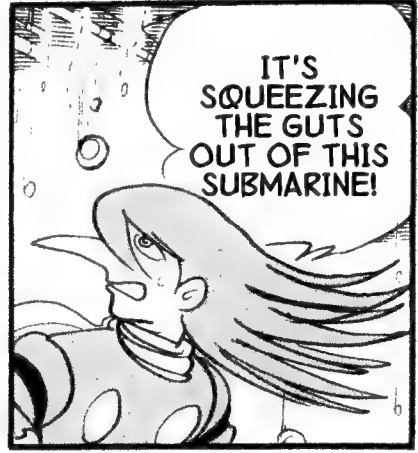
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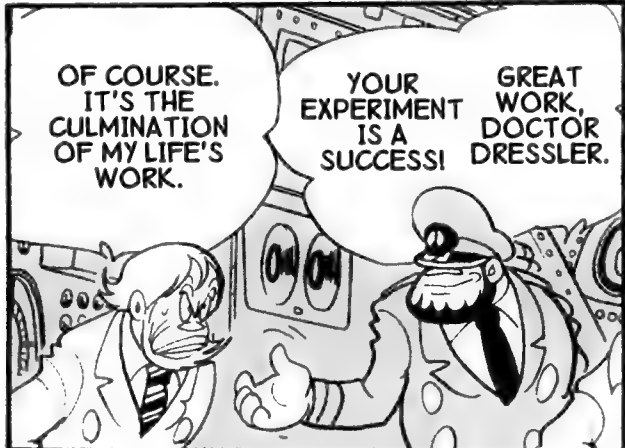
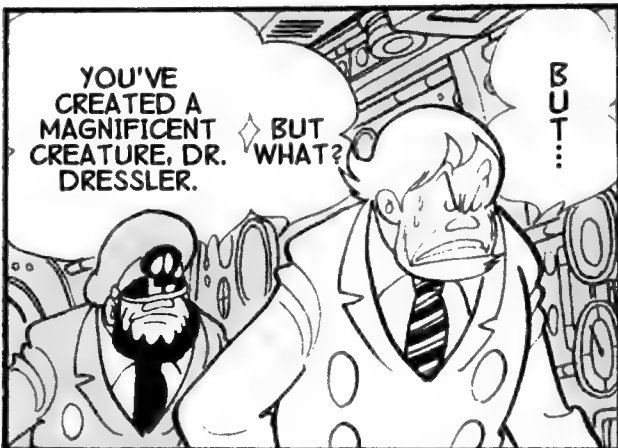
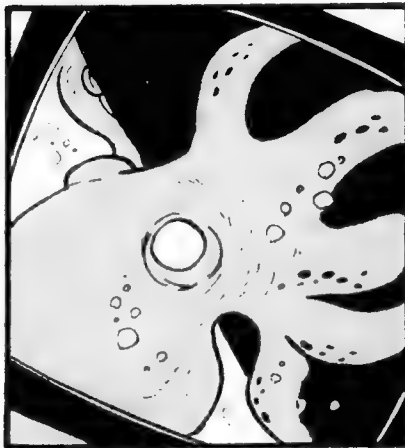
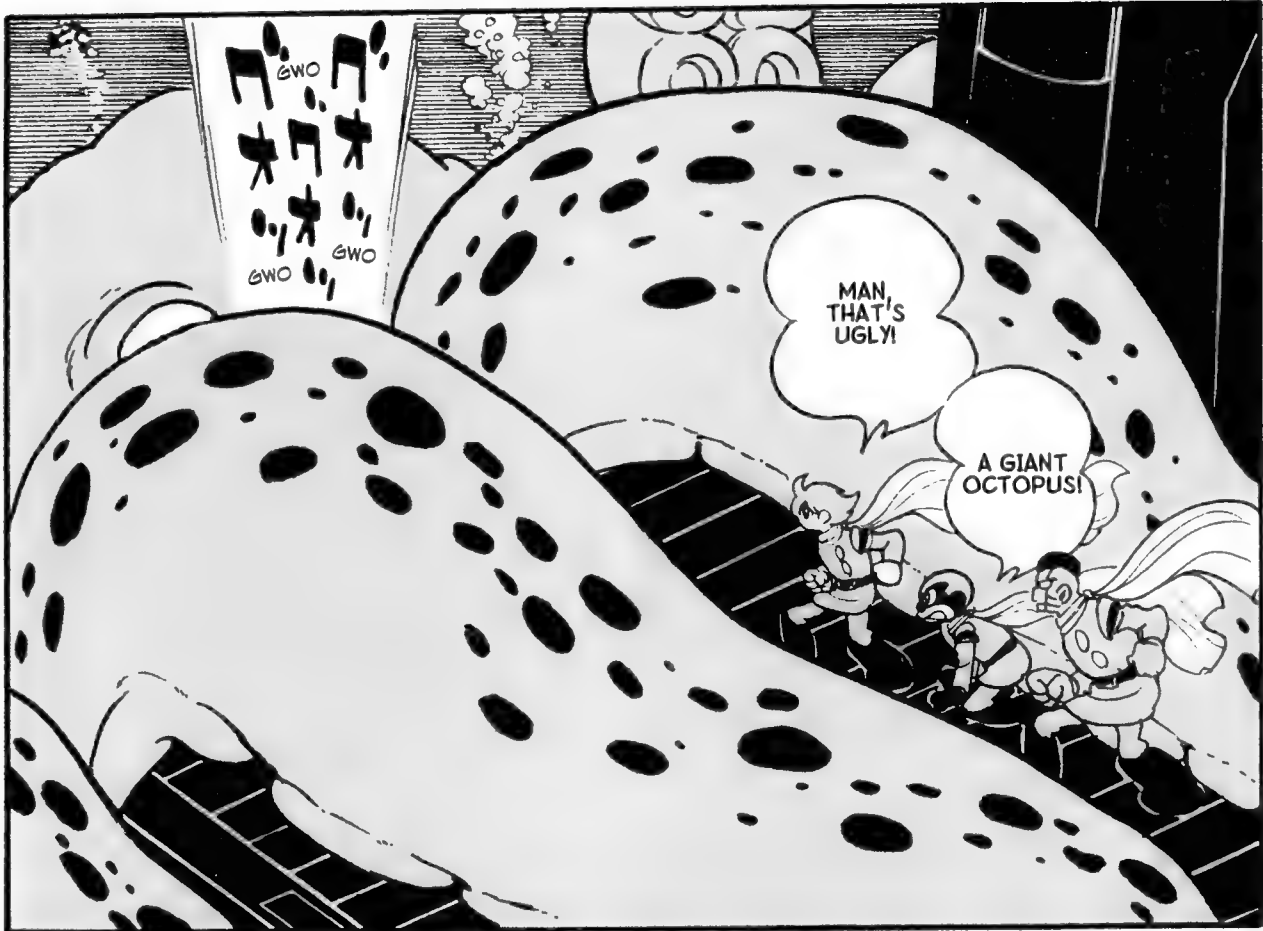


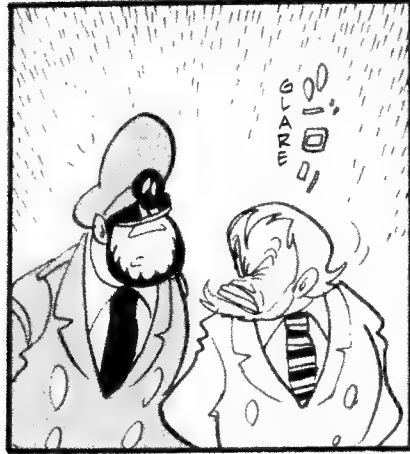
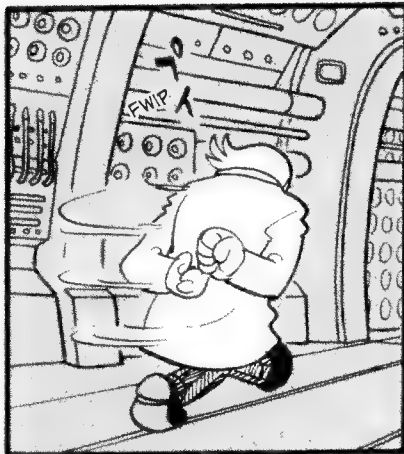




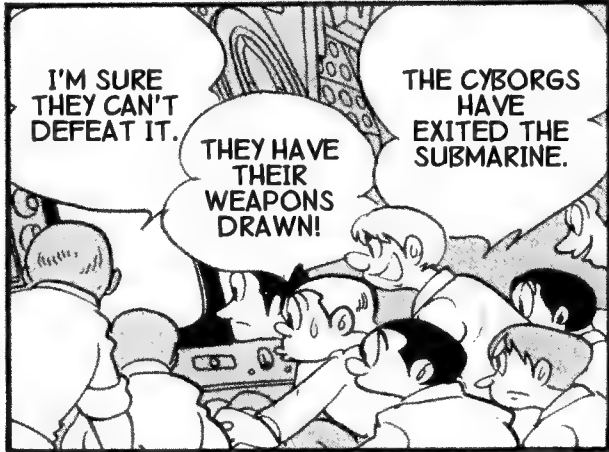
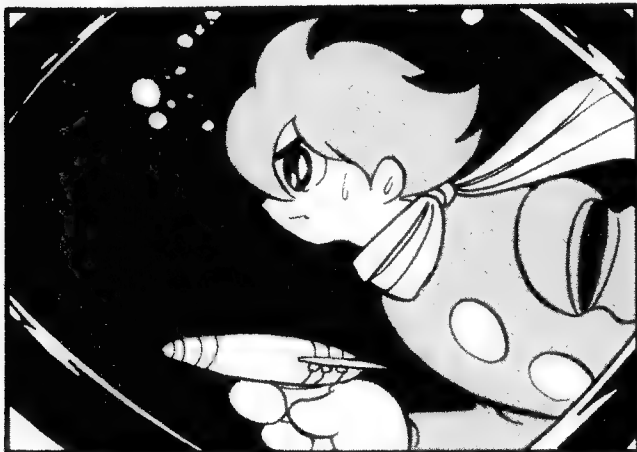
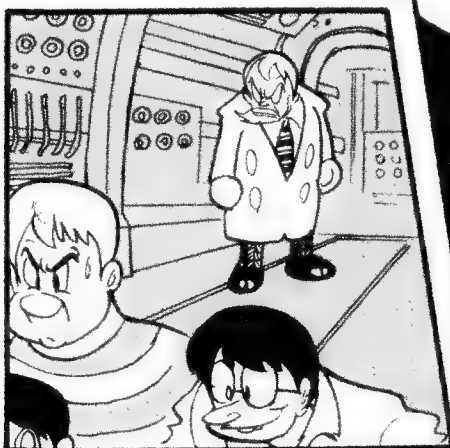


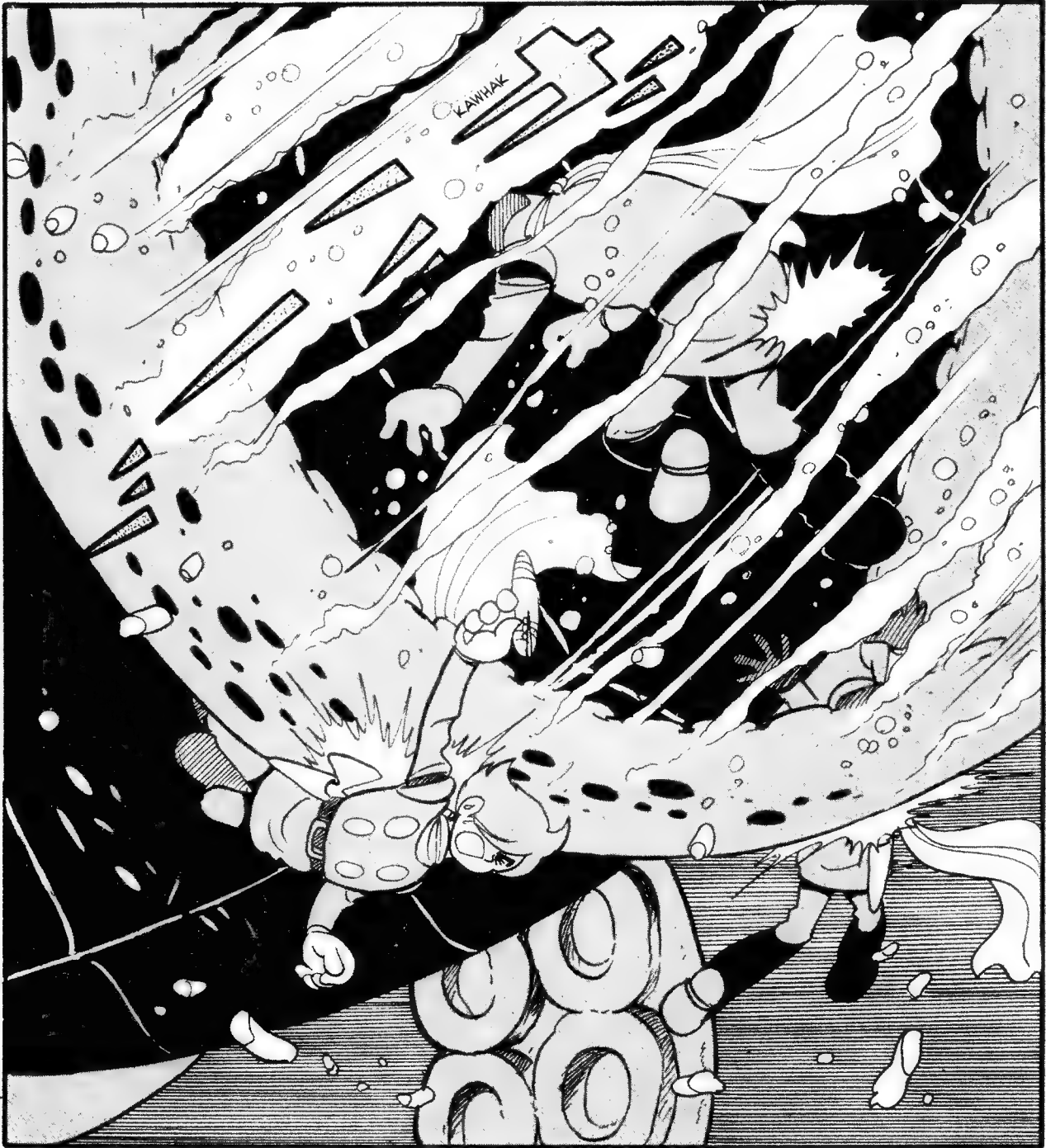
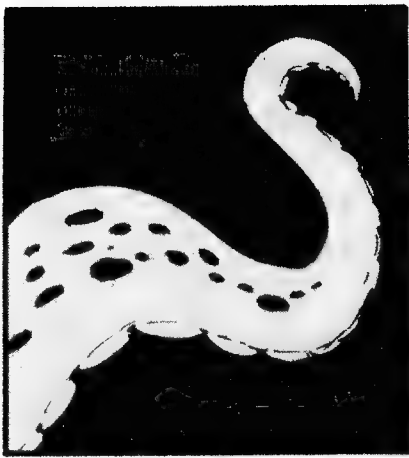


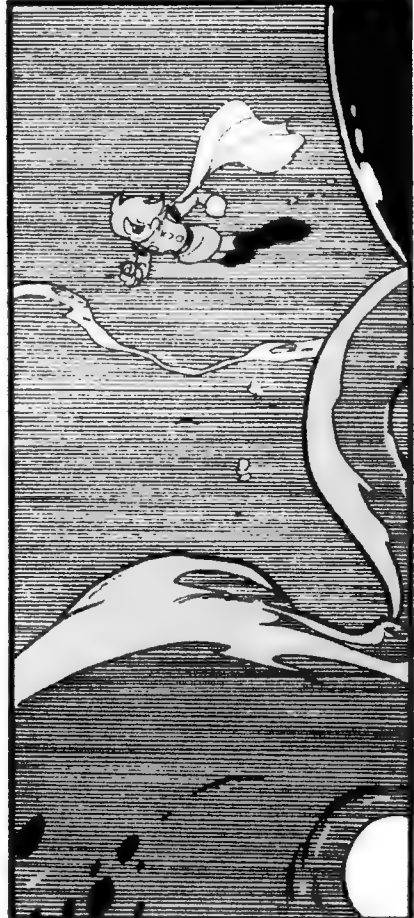
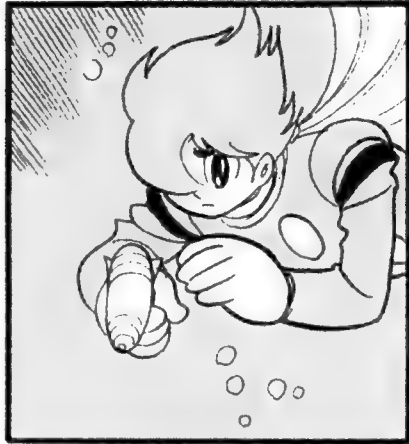
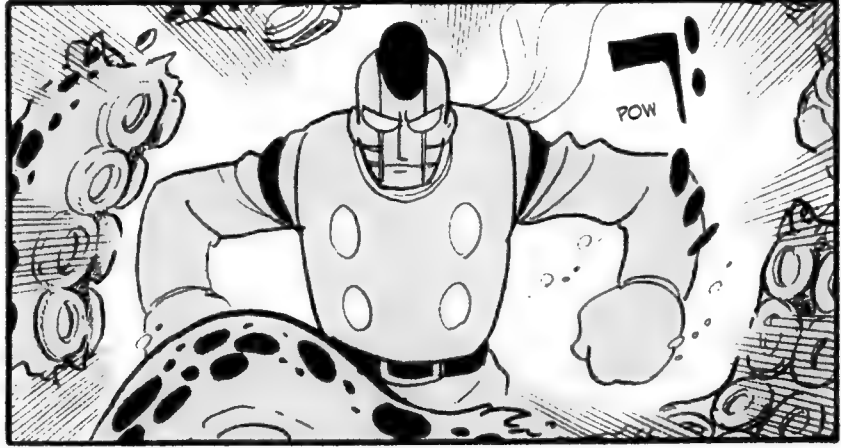
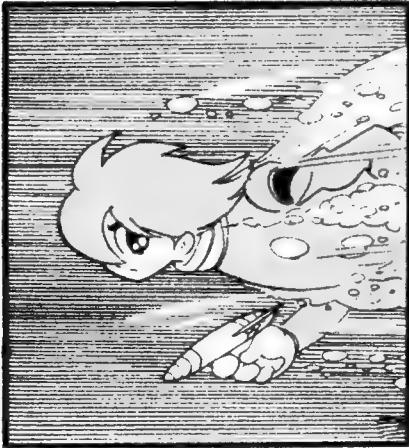
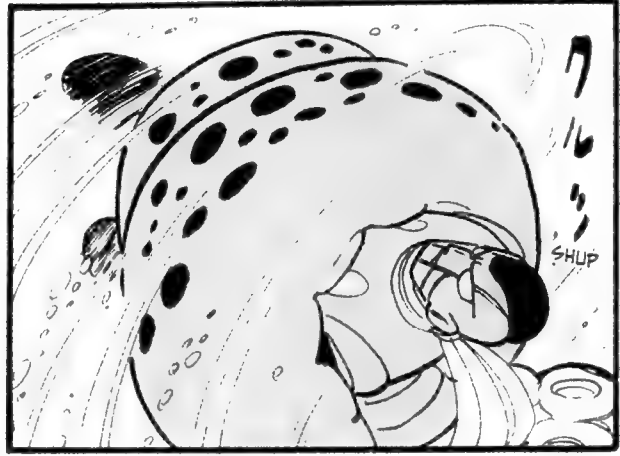
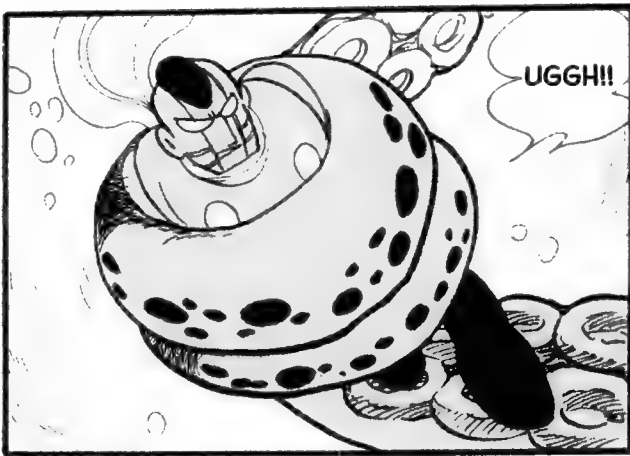


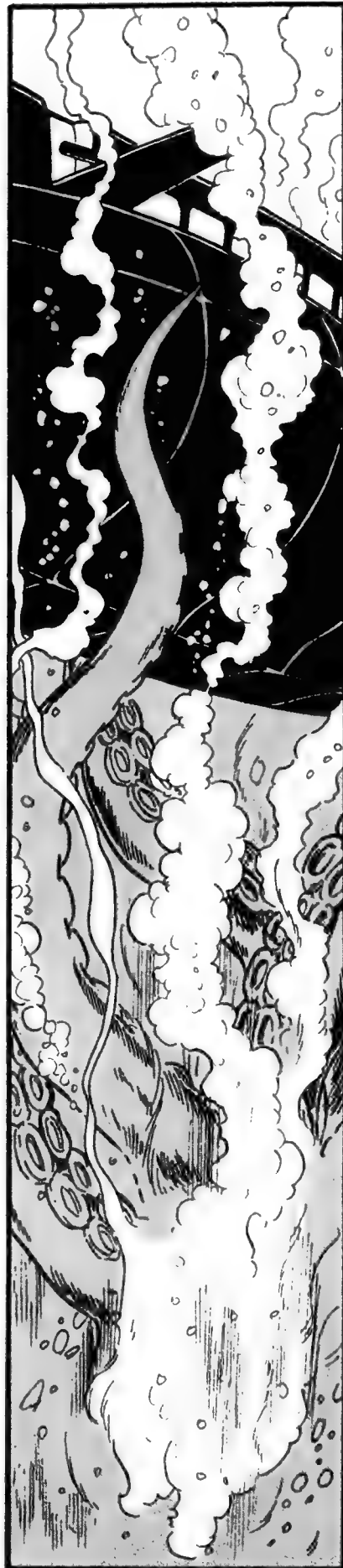
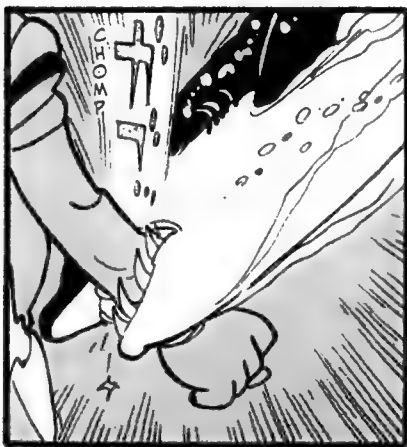
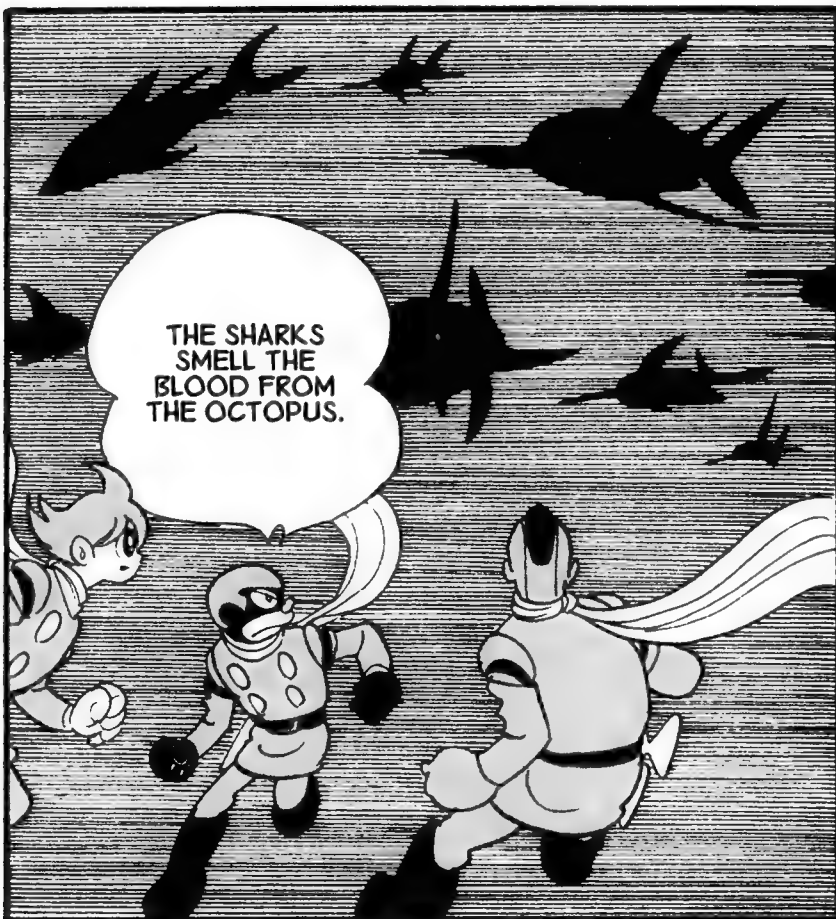
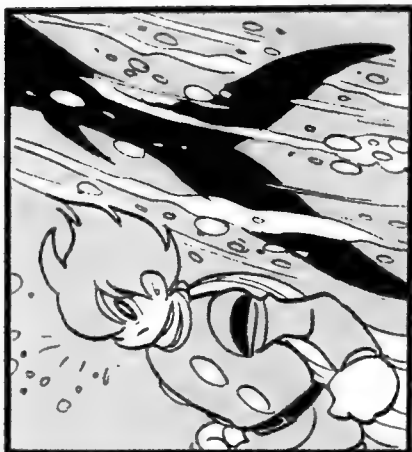


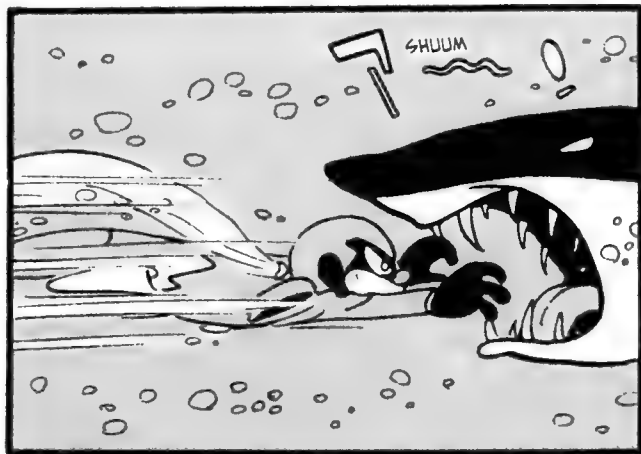
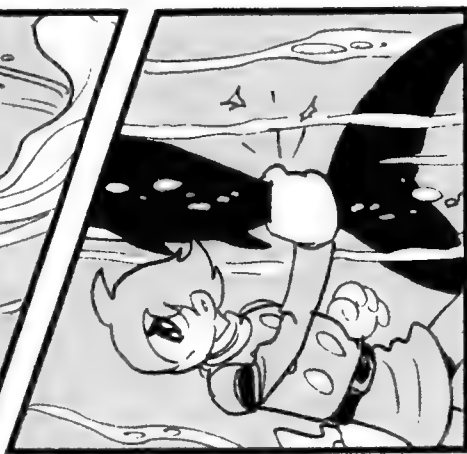
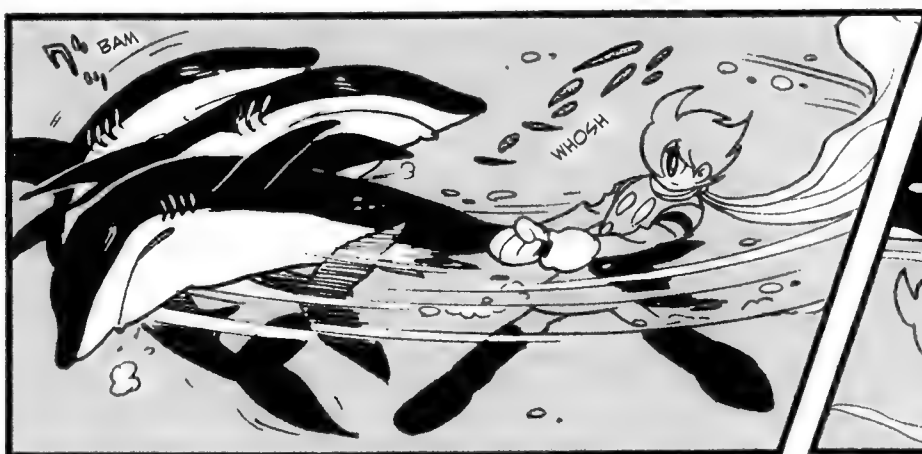
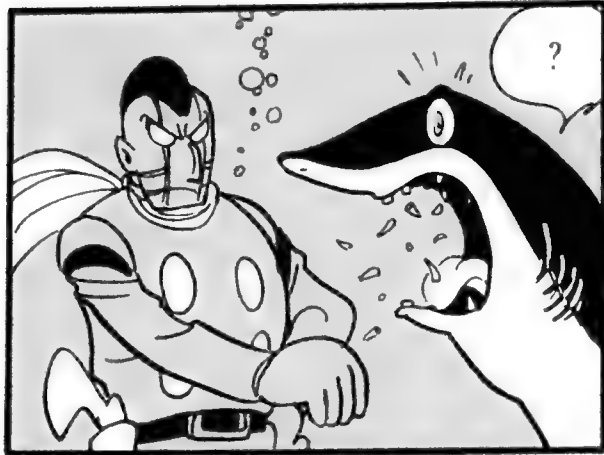
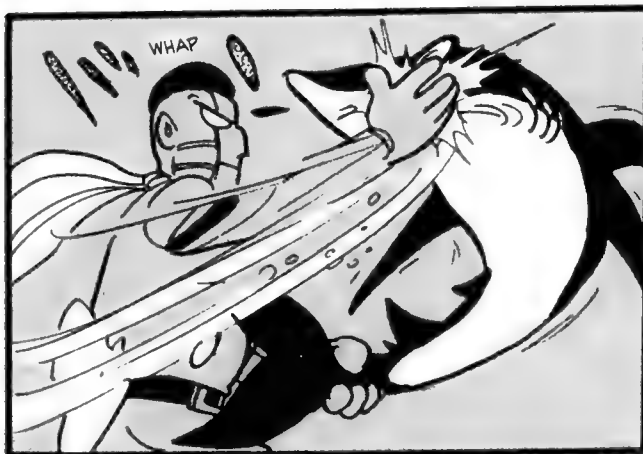
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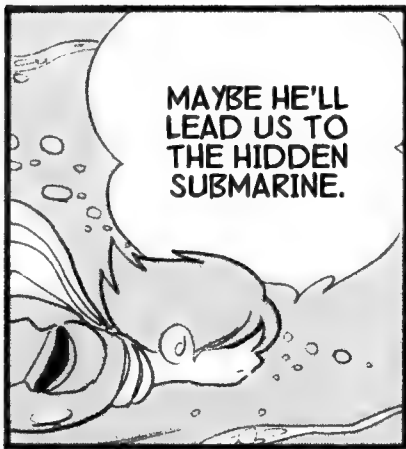
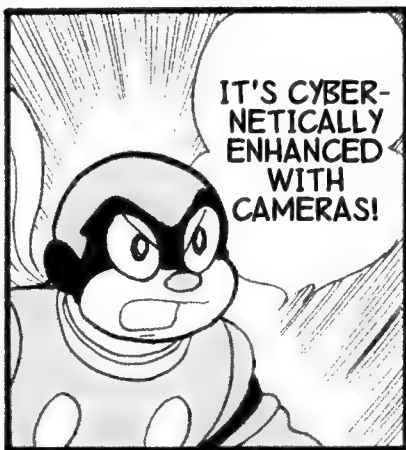
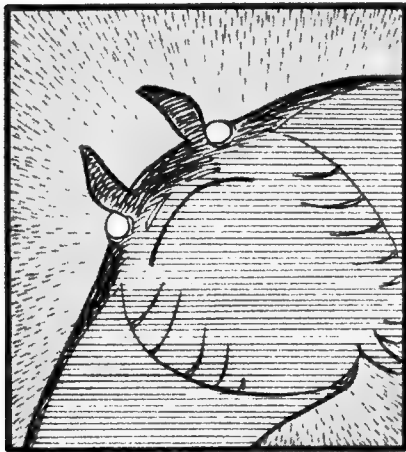


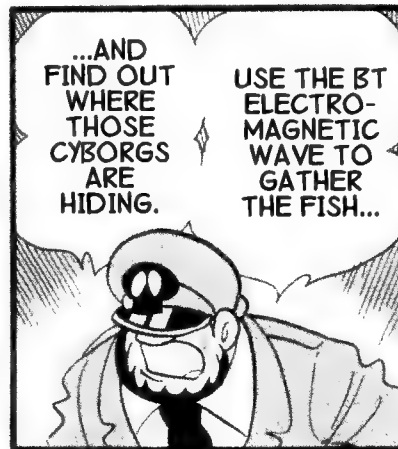
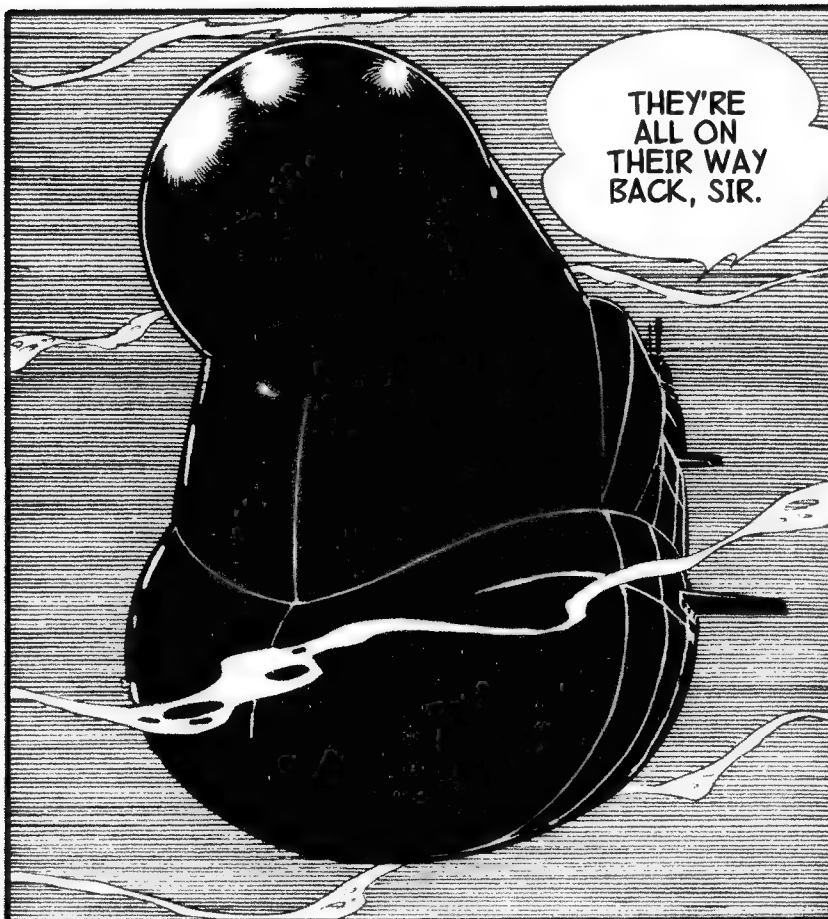


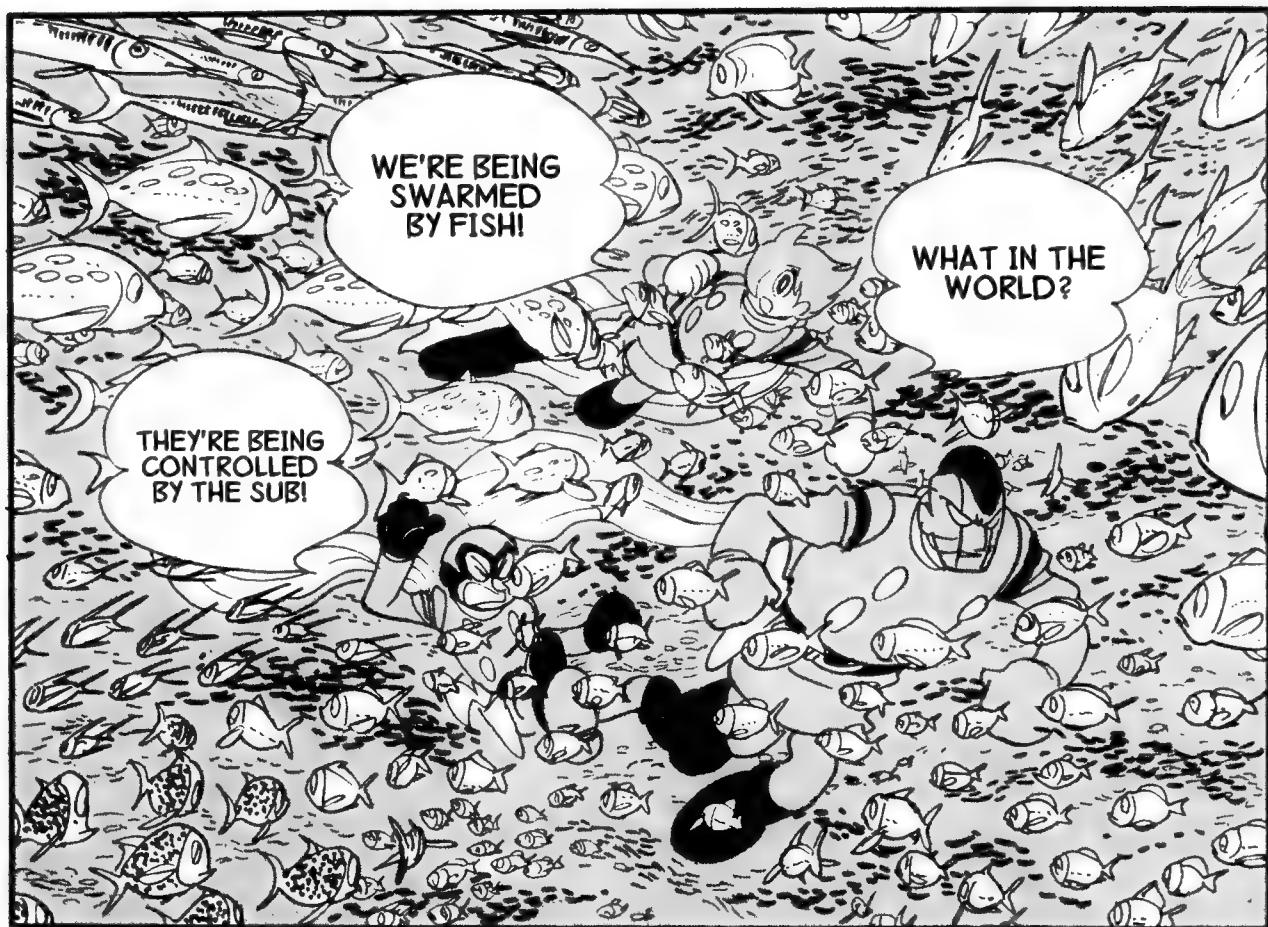
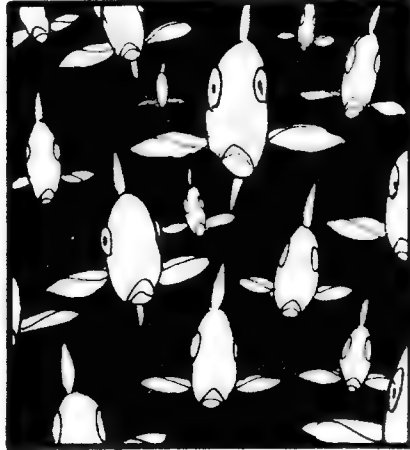
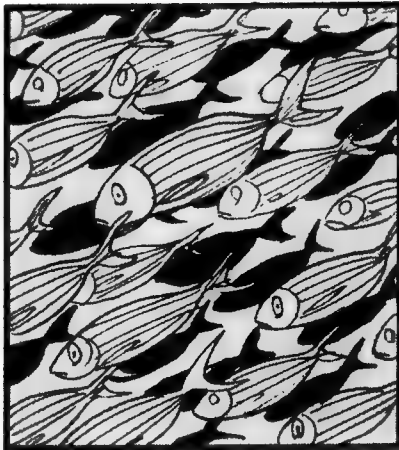
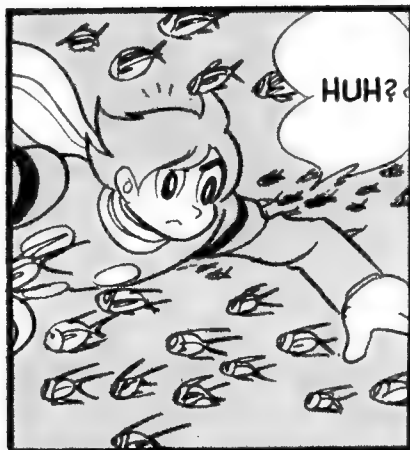
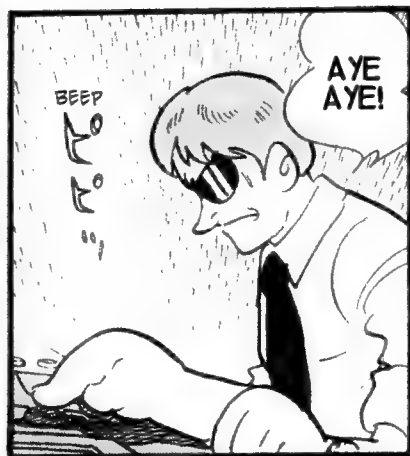
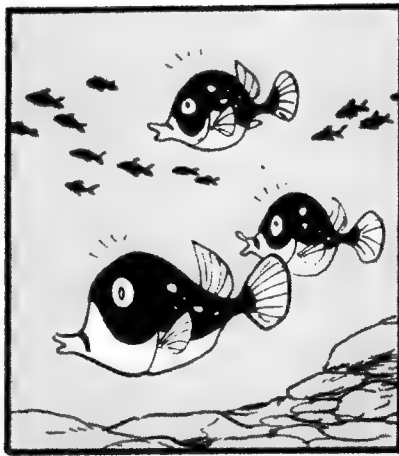
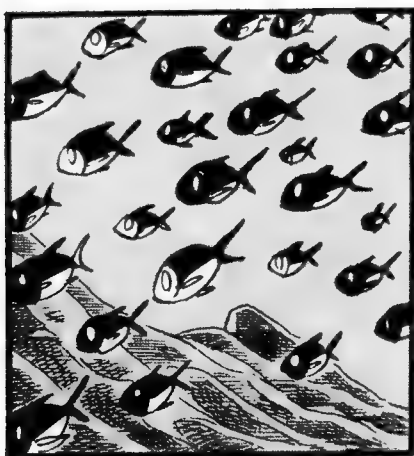


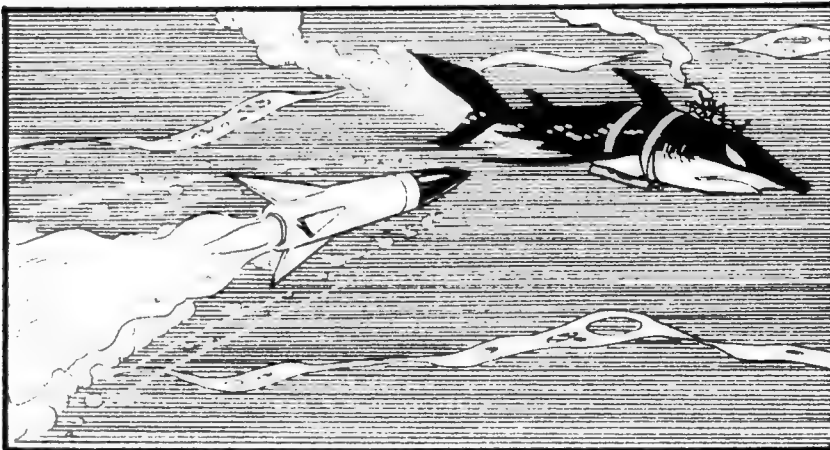
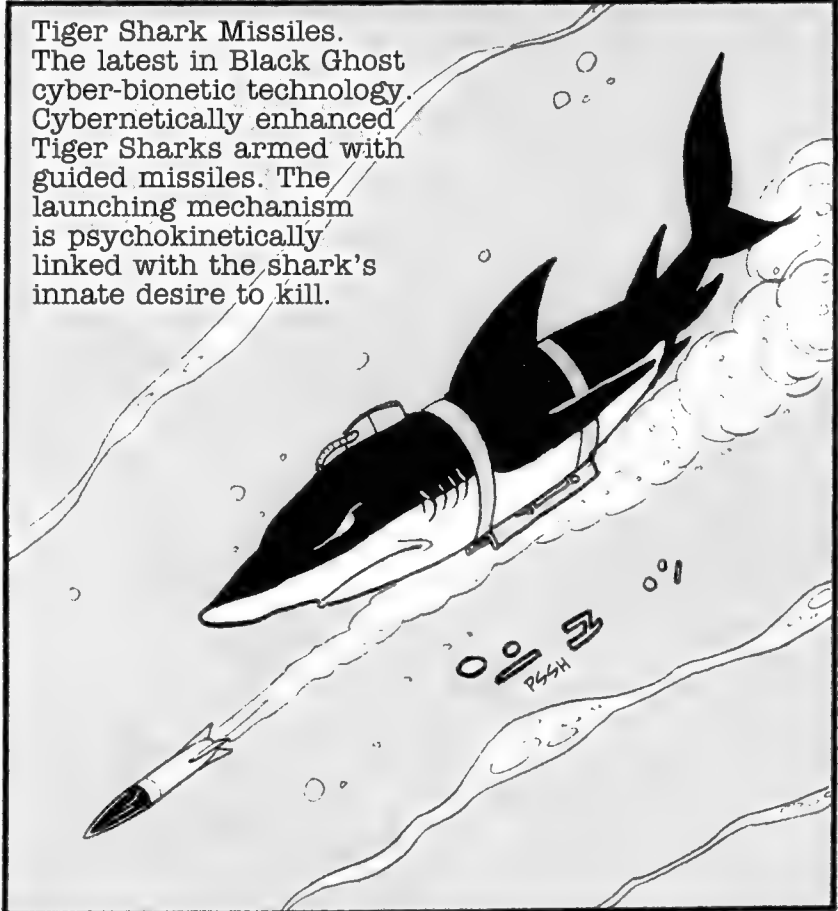


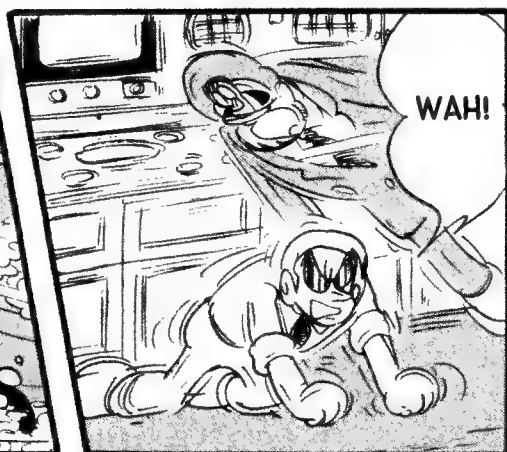
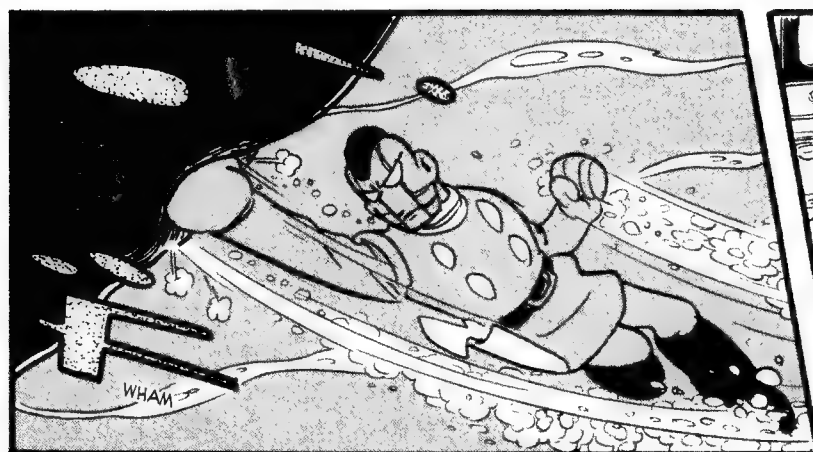
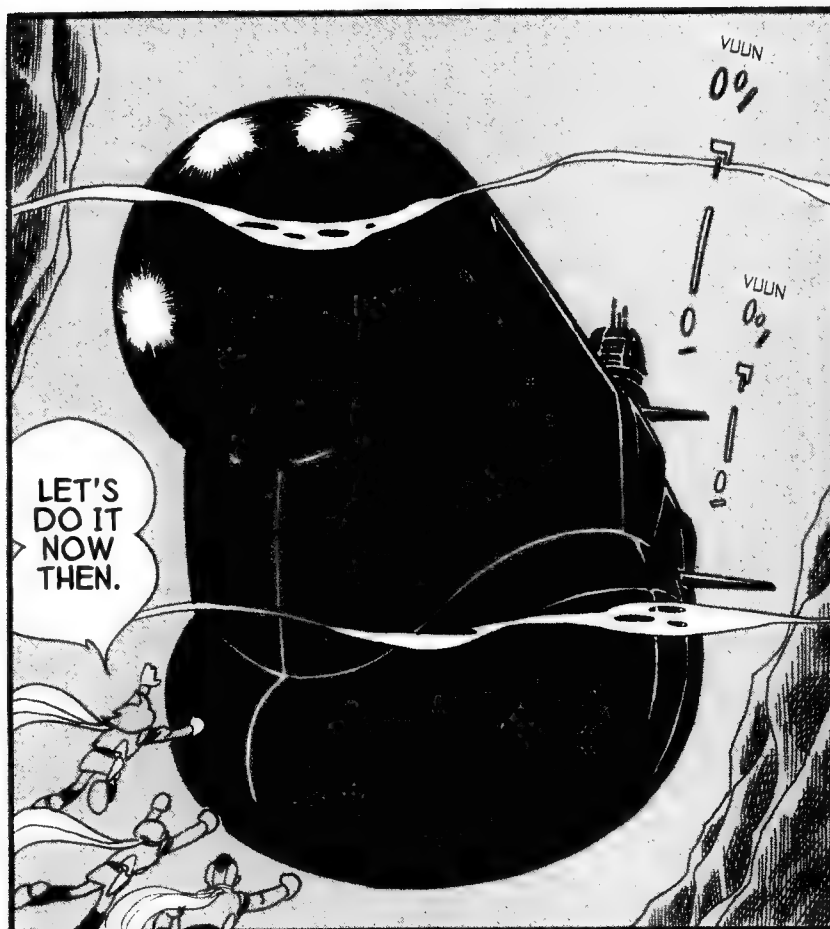


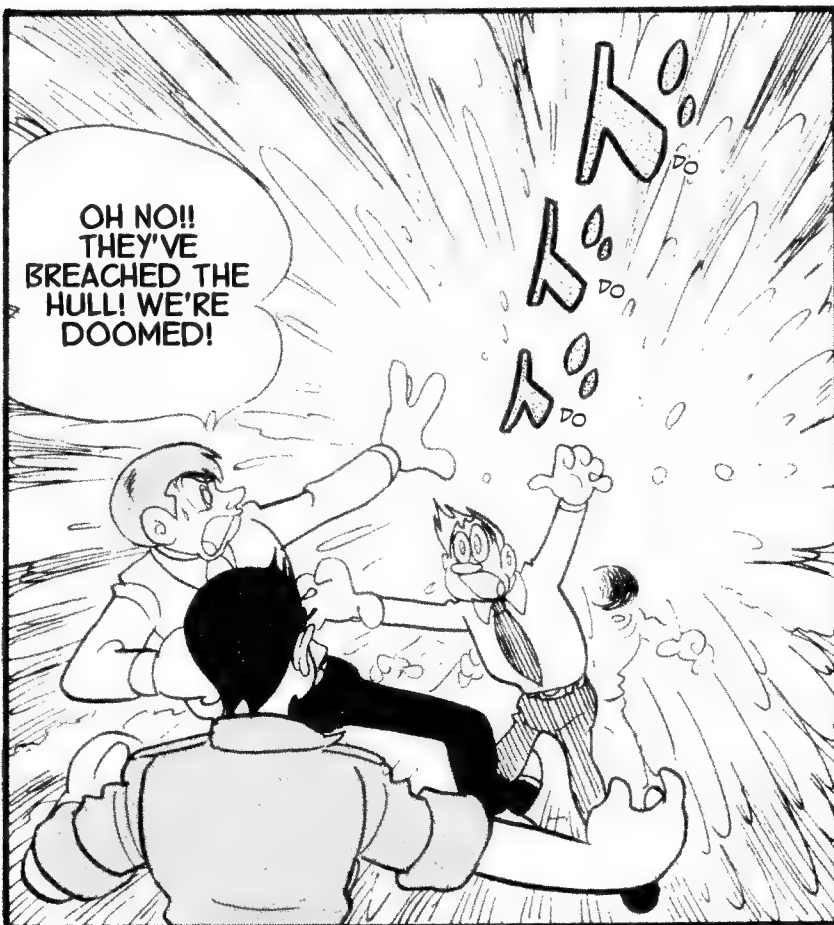
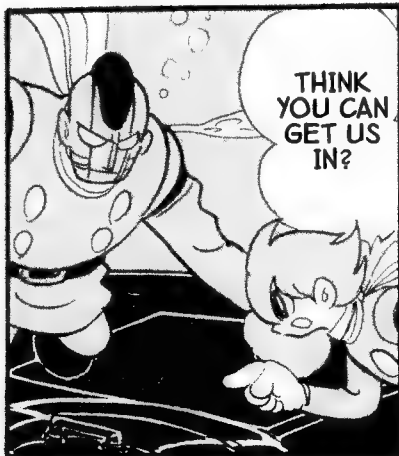


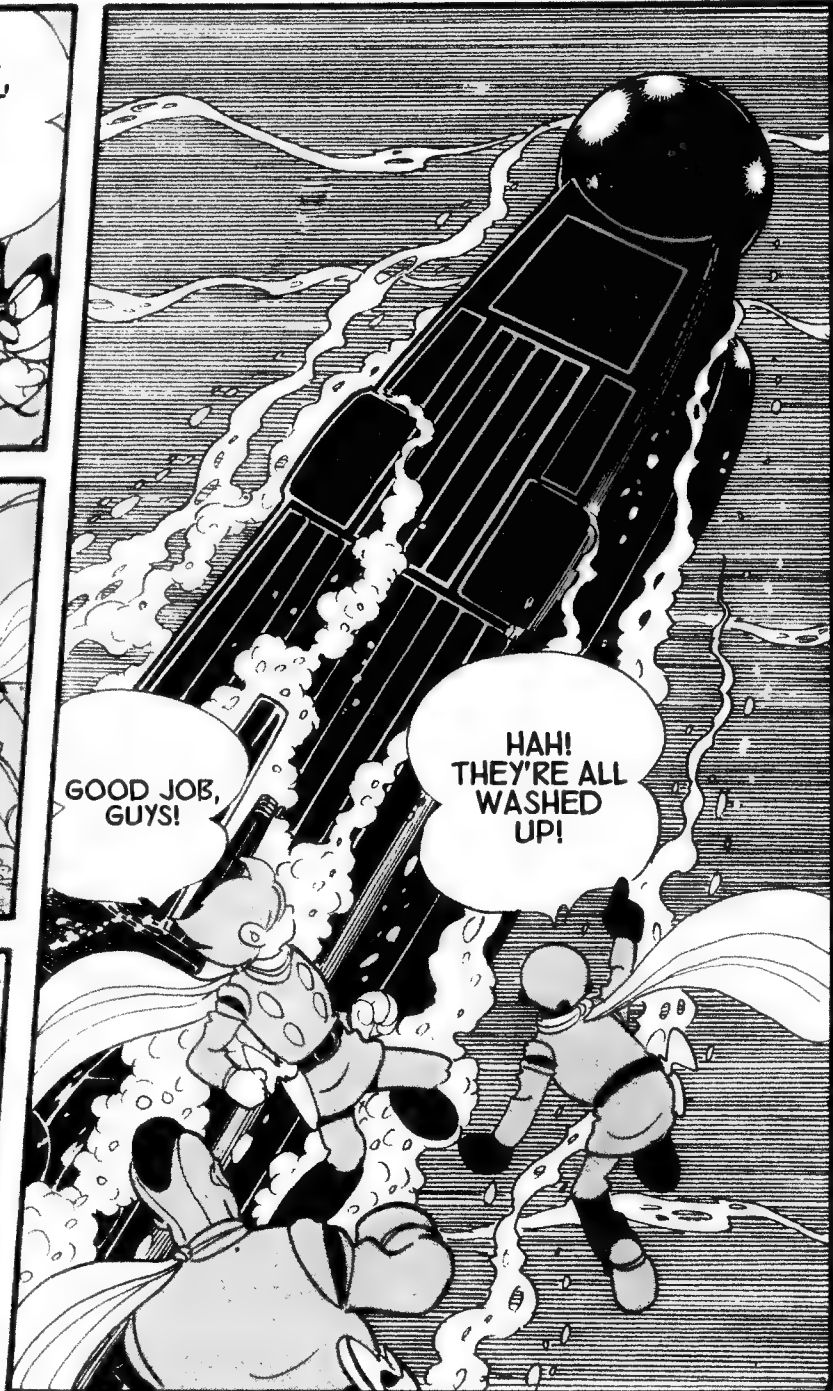
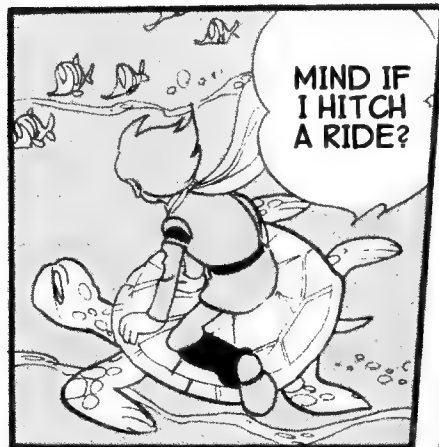
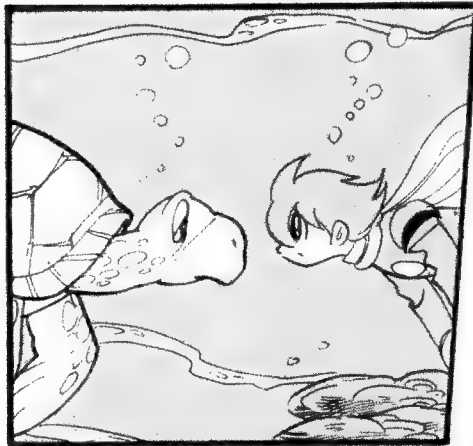
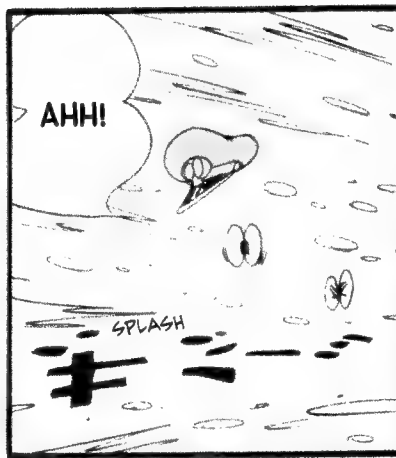


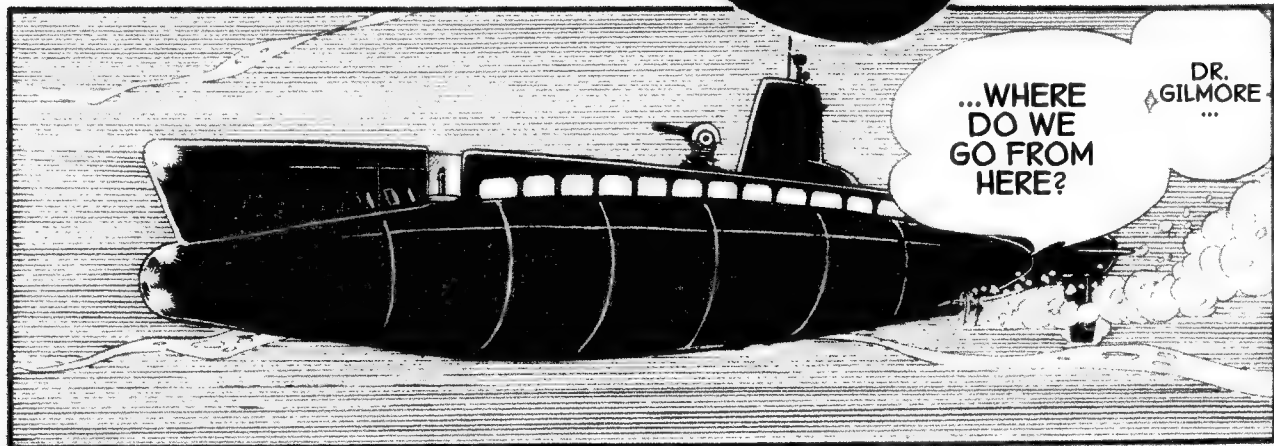
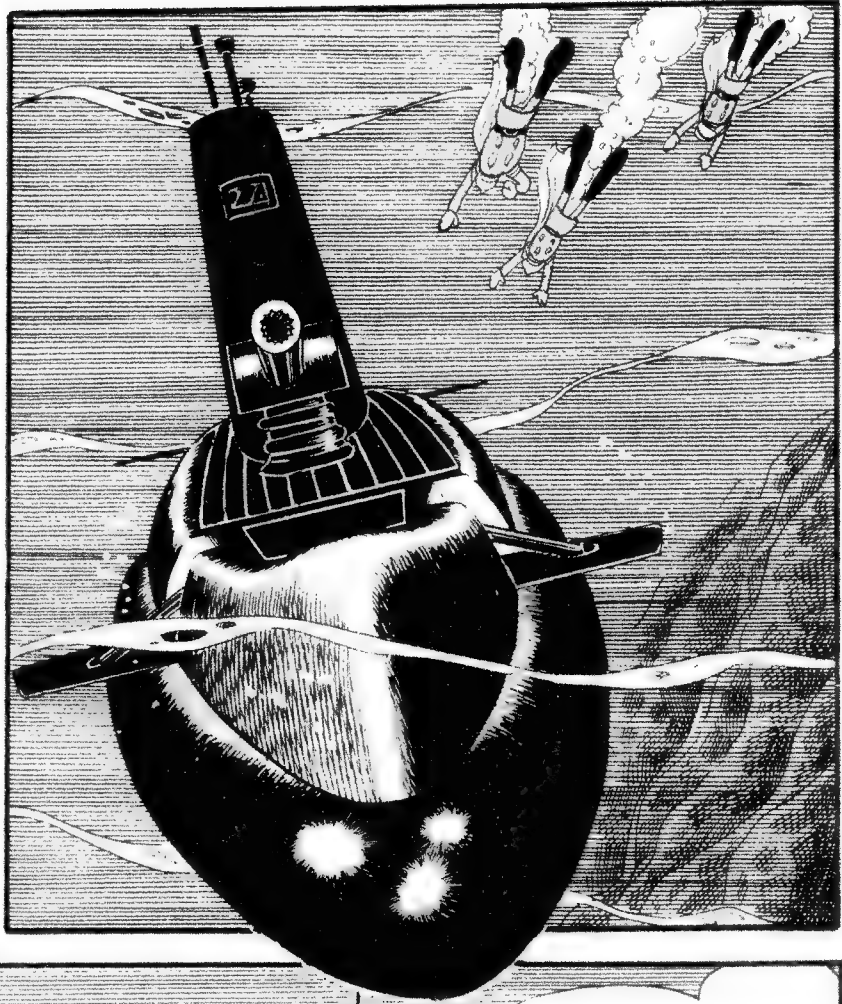












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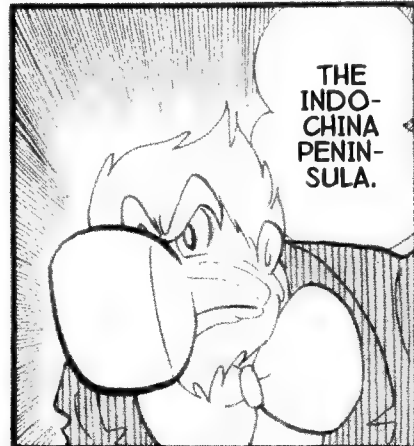
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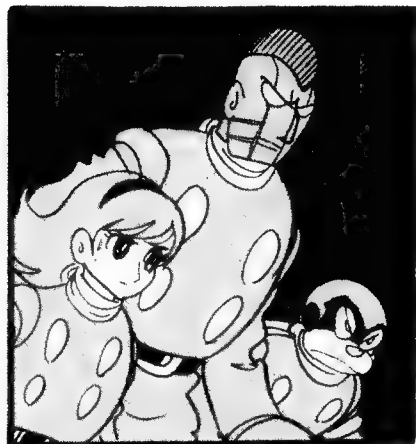
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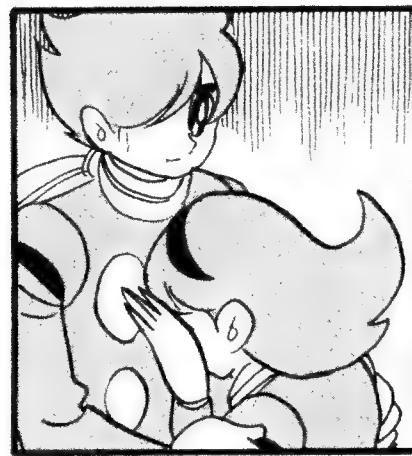
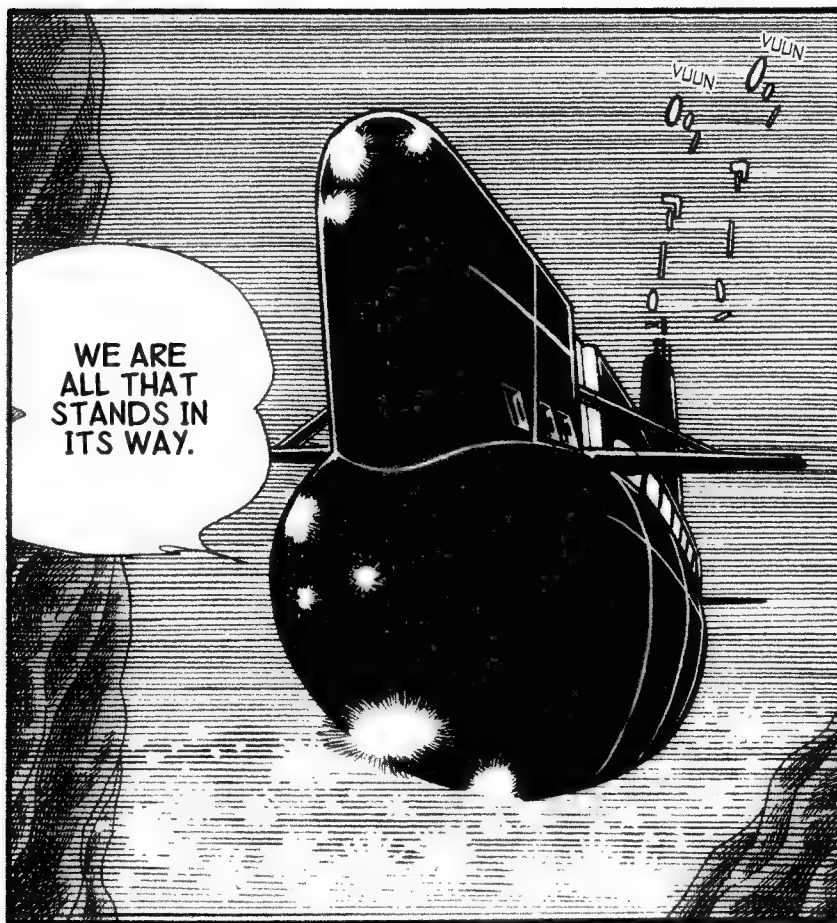
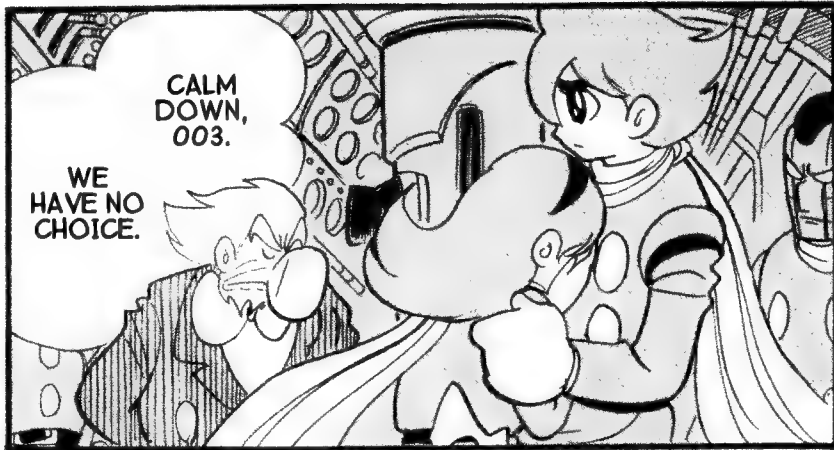
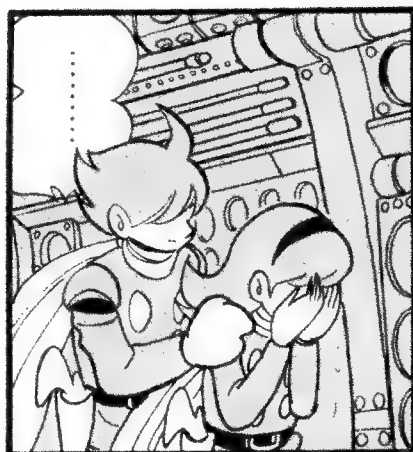
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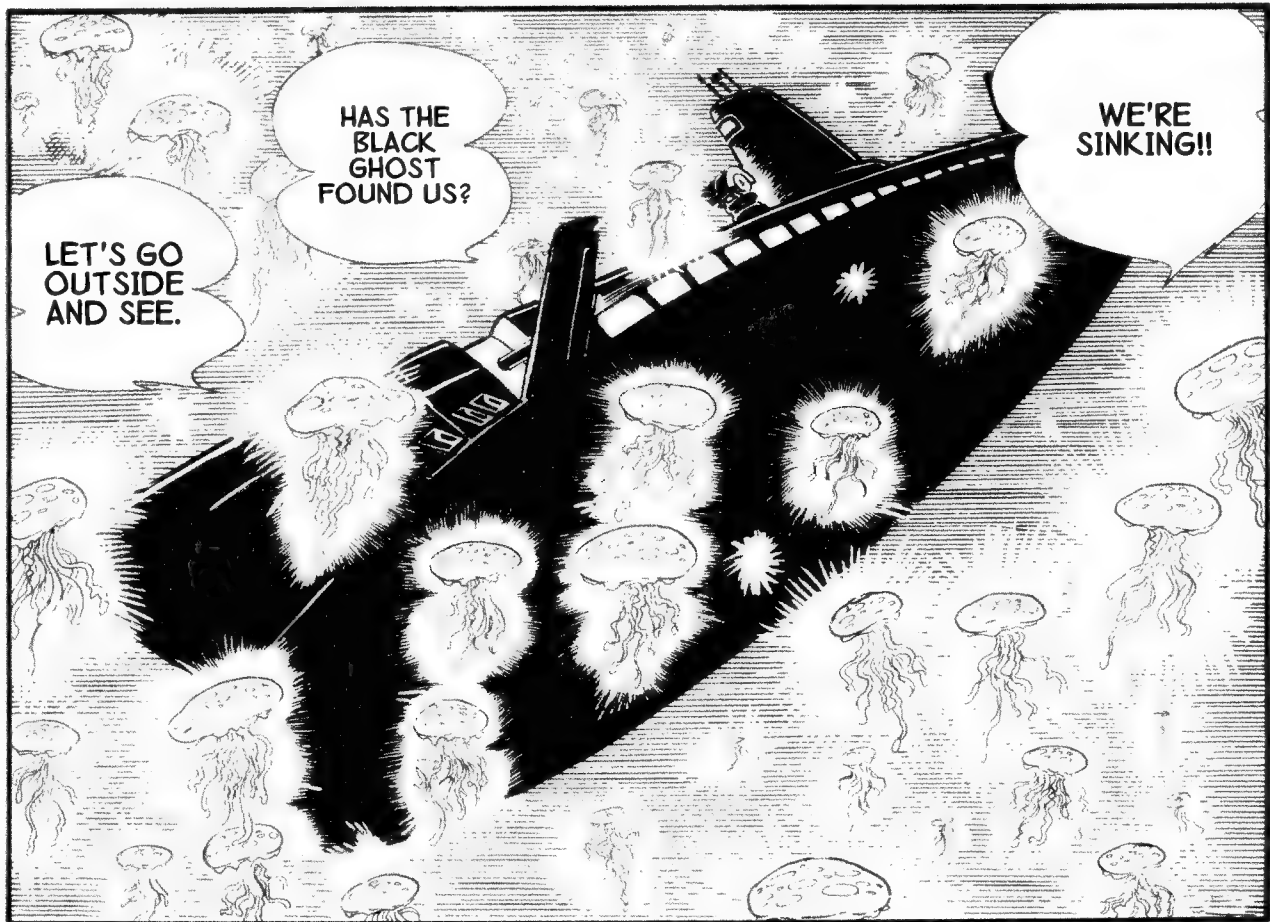
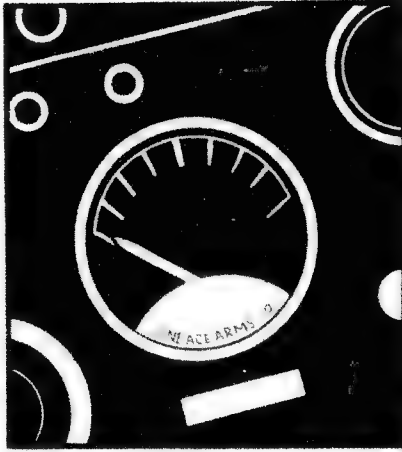
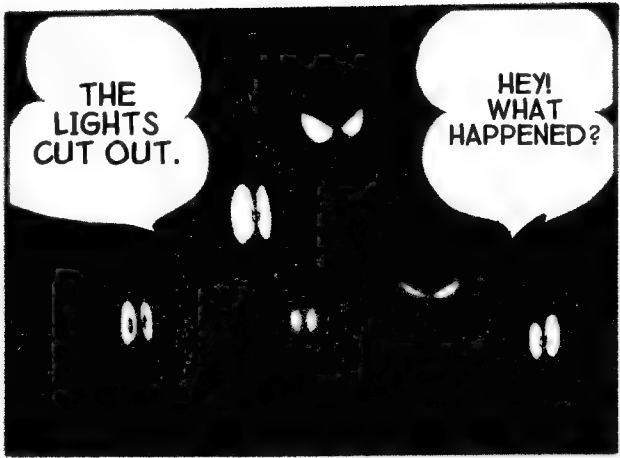
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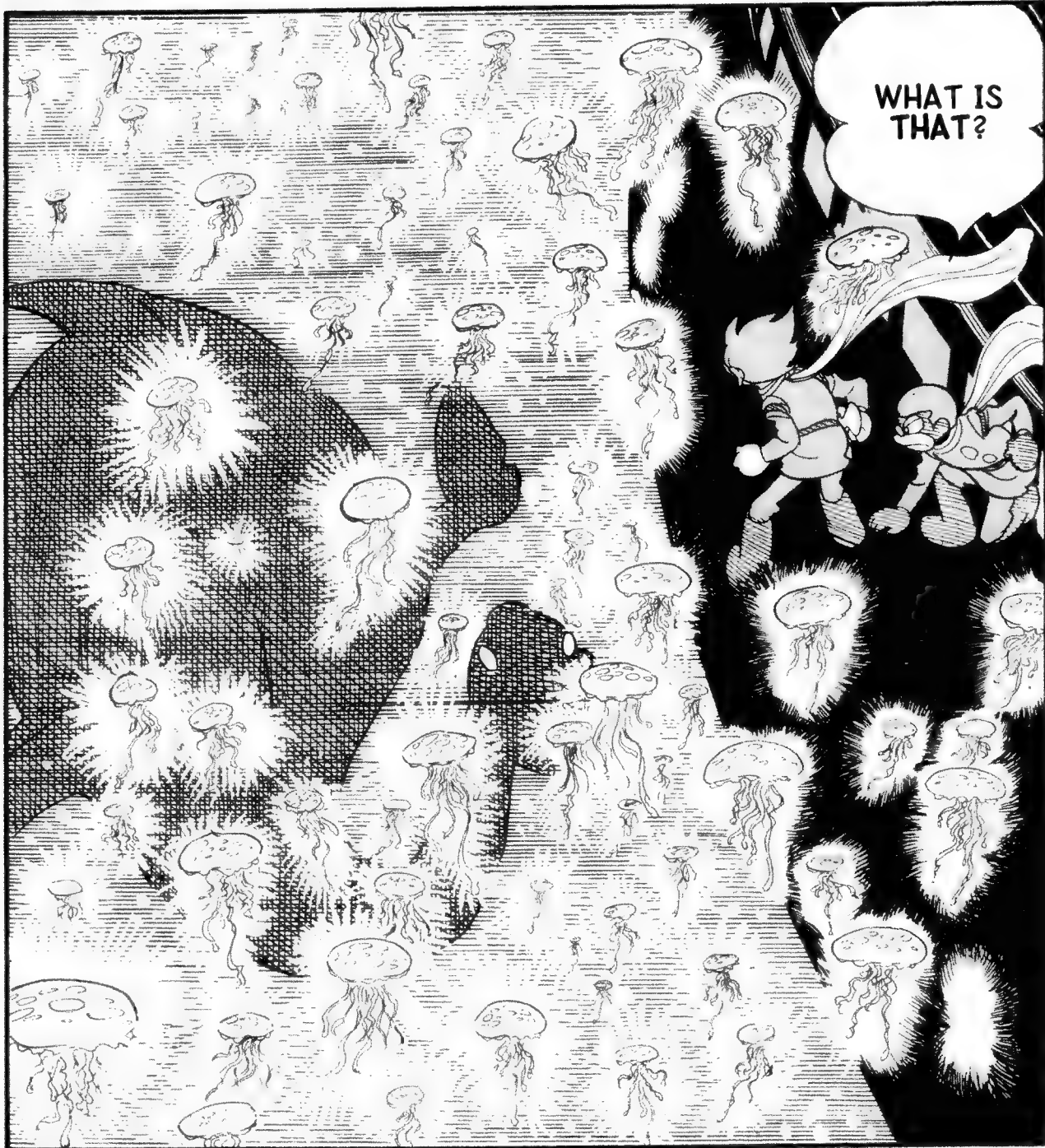
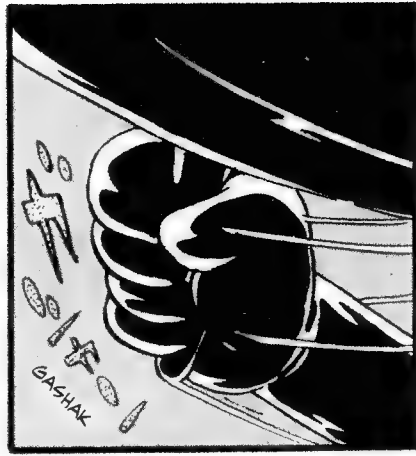


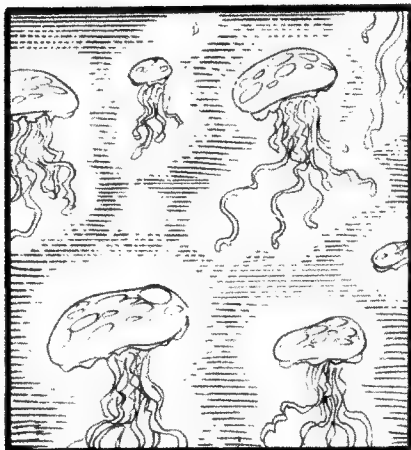
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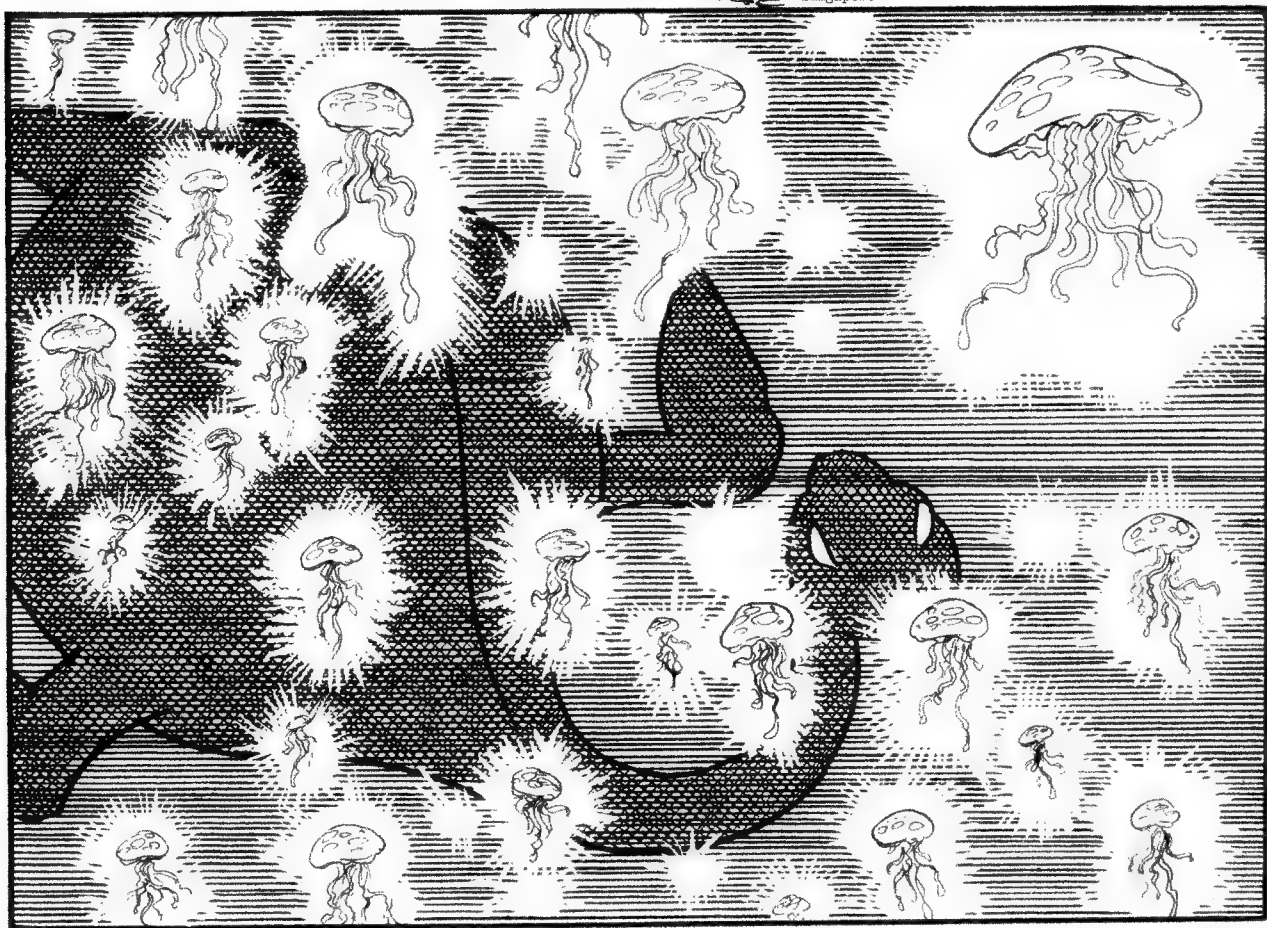
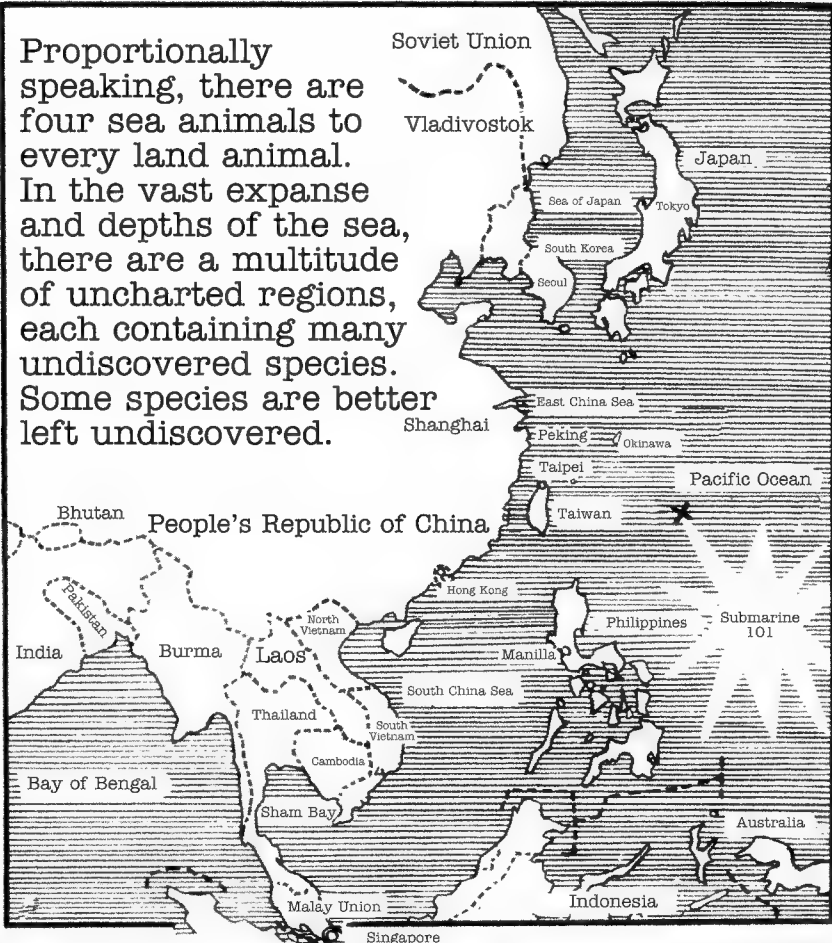


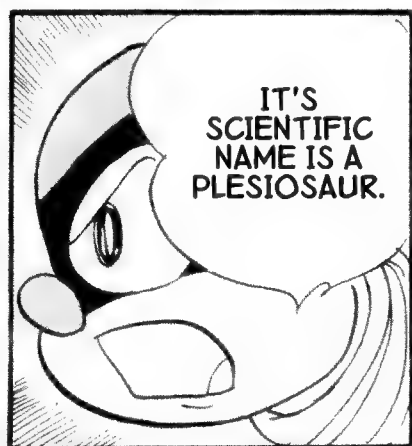


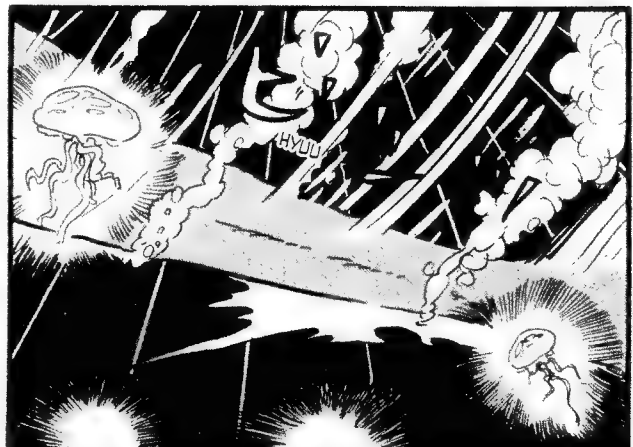
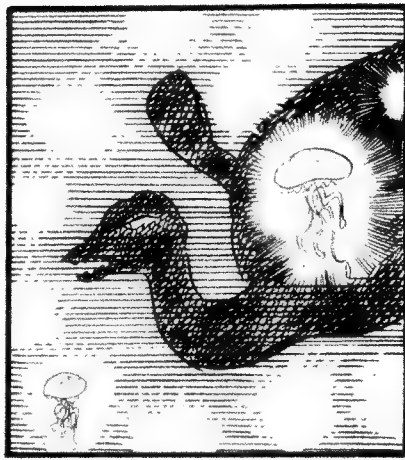




Proportionally speaking, there are four sea animals to every land animal. In the vast expanse and depths of the sea, there are a multitude of uncharted regions, each containing many undiscovered species. Some species are better left undiscovered.









THE JELLYFISH
ARE DRAINING
ALL OF THE
ENERGY FROM
THE SUB.

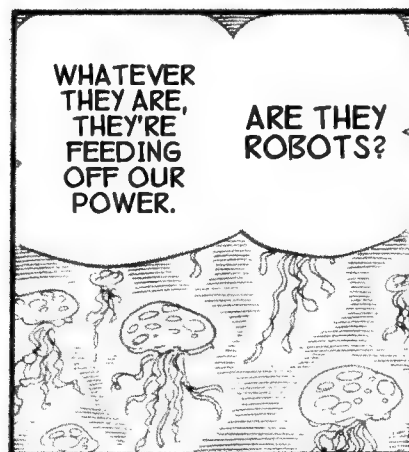


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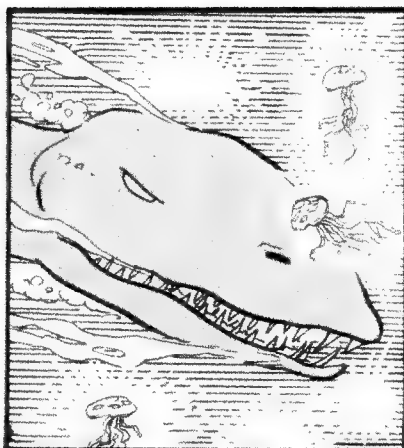
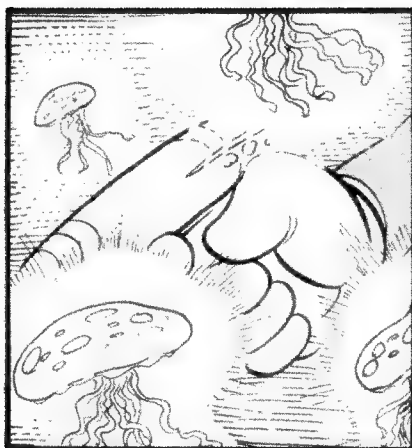
AND THE
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FEED, THE
BRIGHTER
THEY GLOW!

WE HAVE
BIGGER FISH
TO FRY!



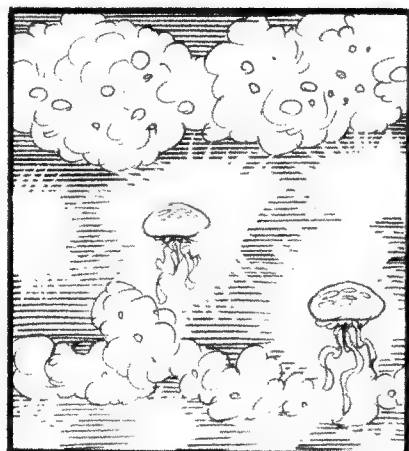
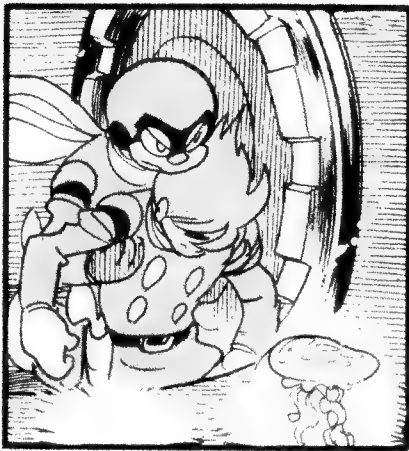
WHATEVER
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THEY'RE
FEEDING
OFF OUR
POWER.

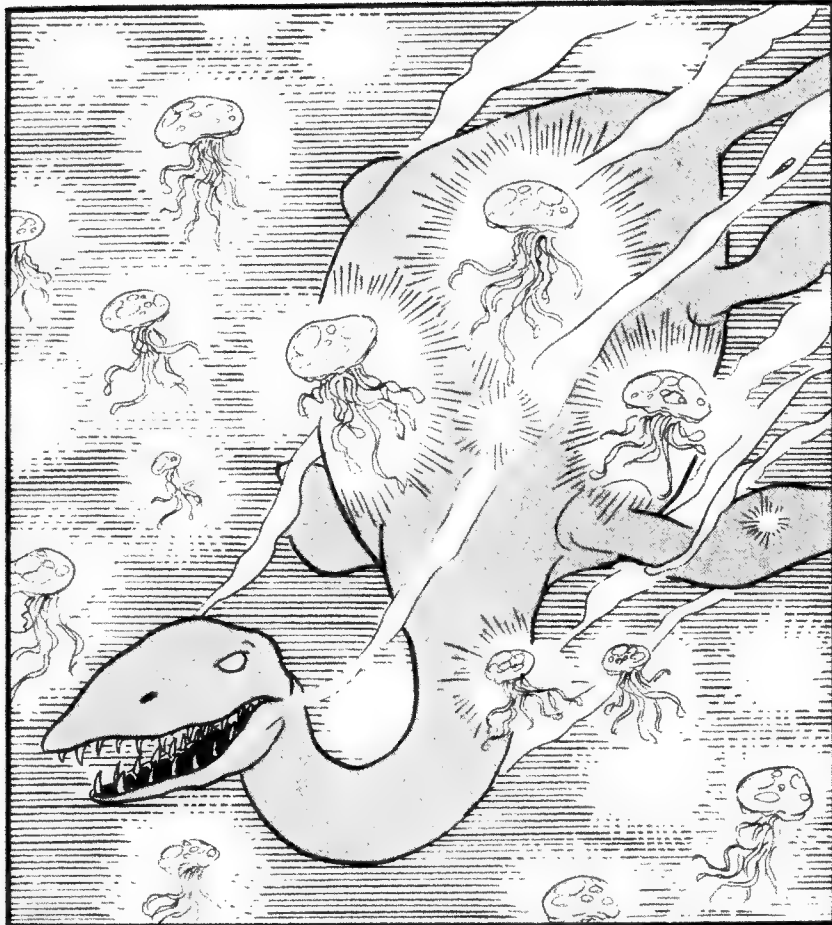
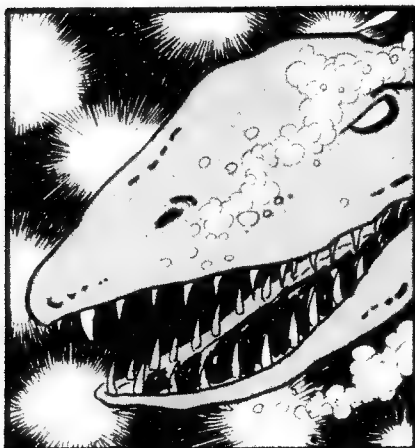
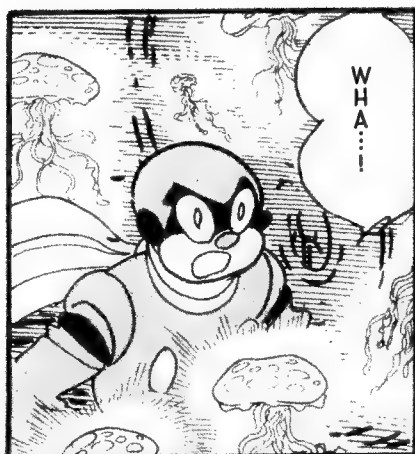
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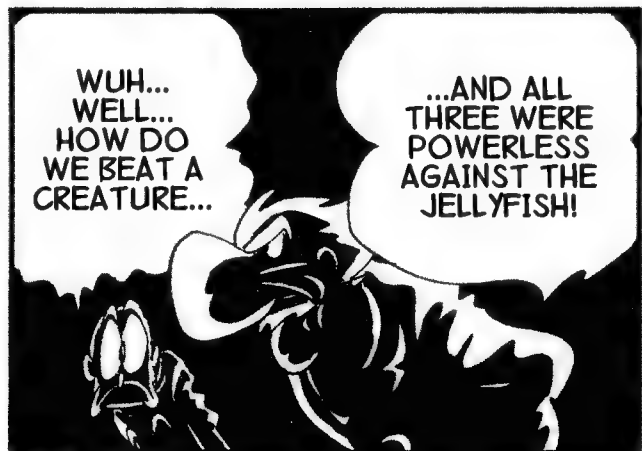


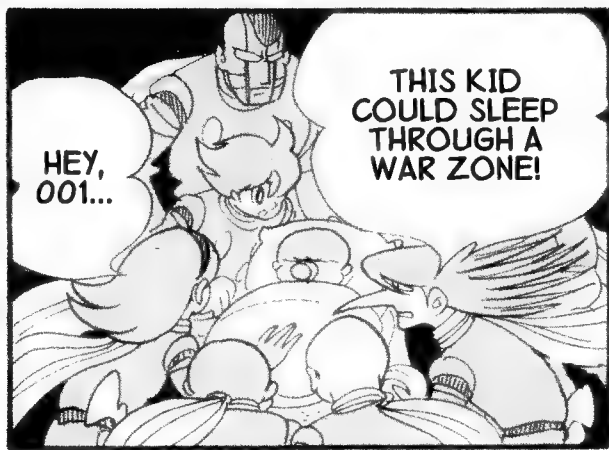
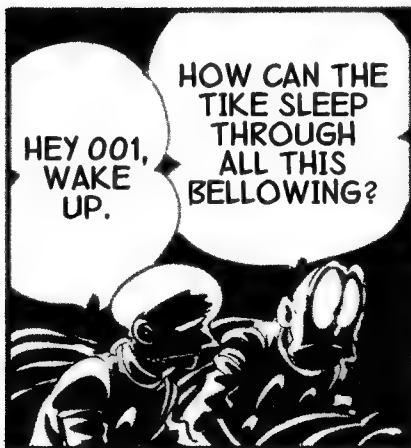
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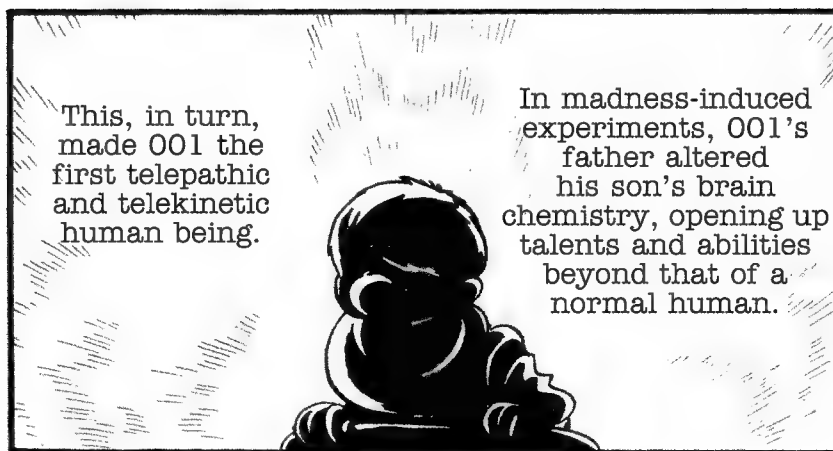
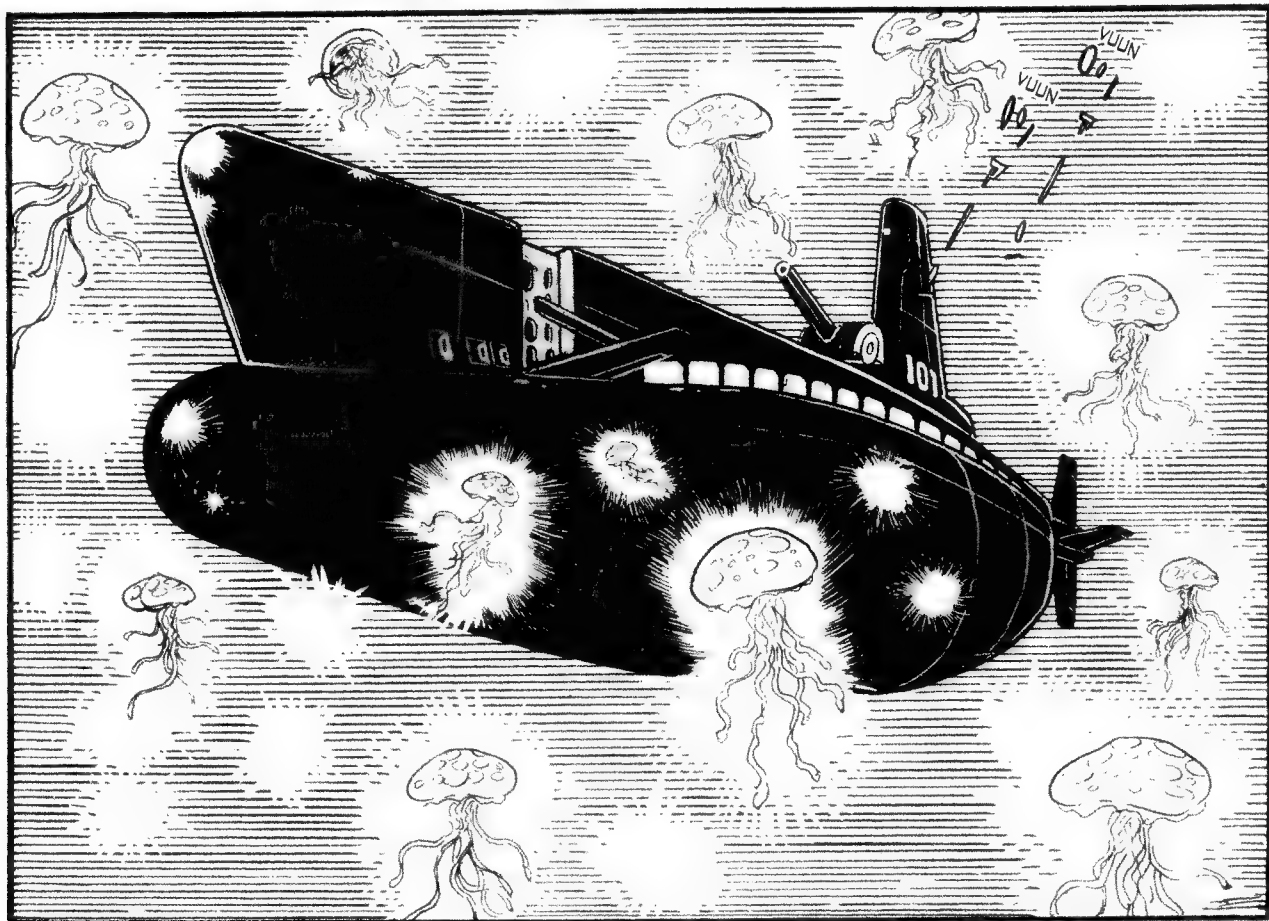
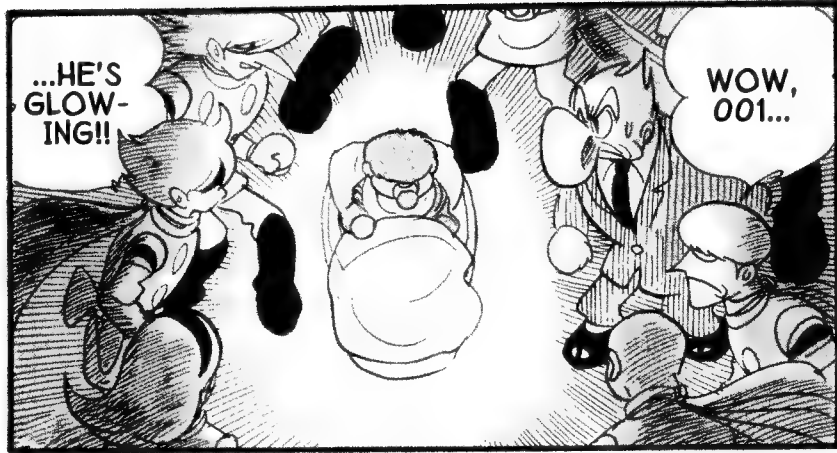
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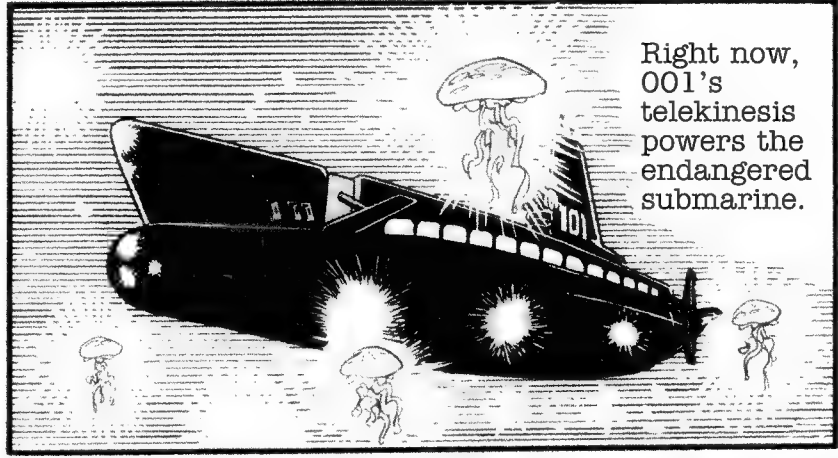
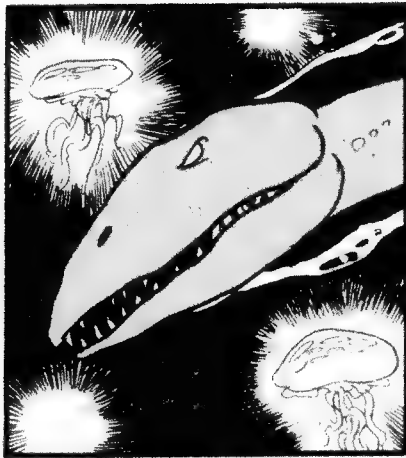




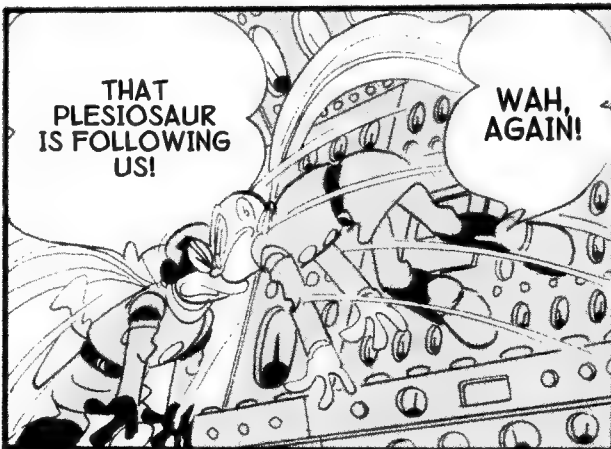
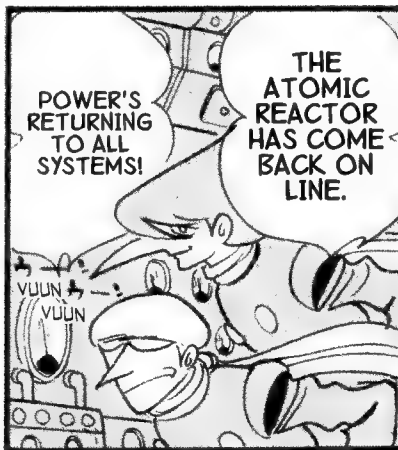


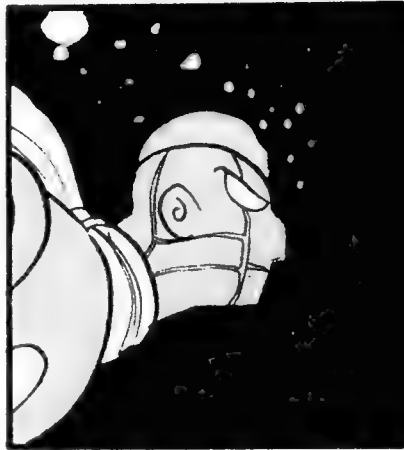
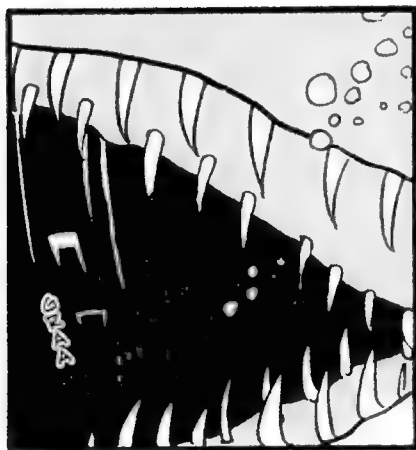
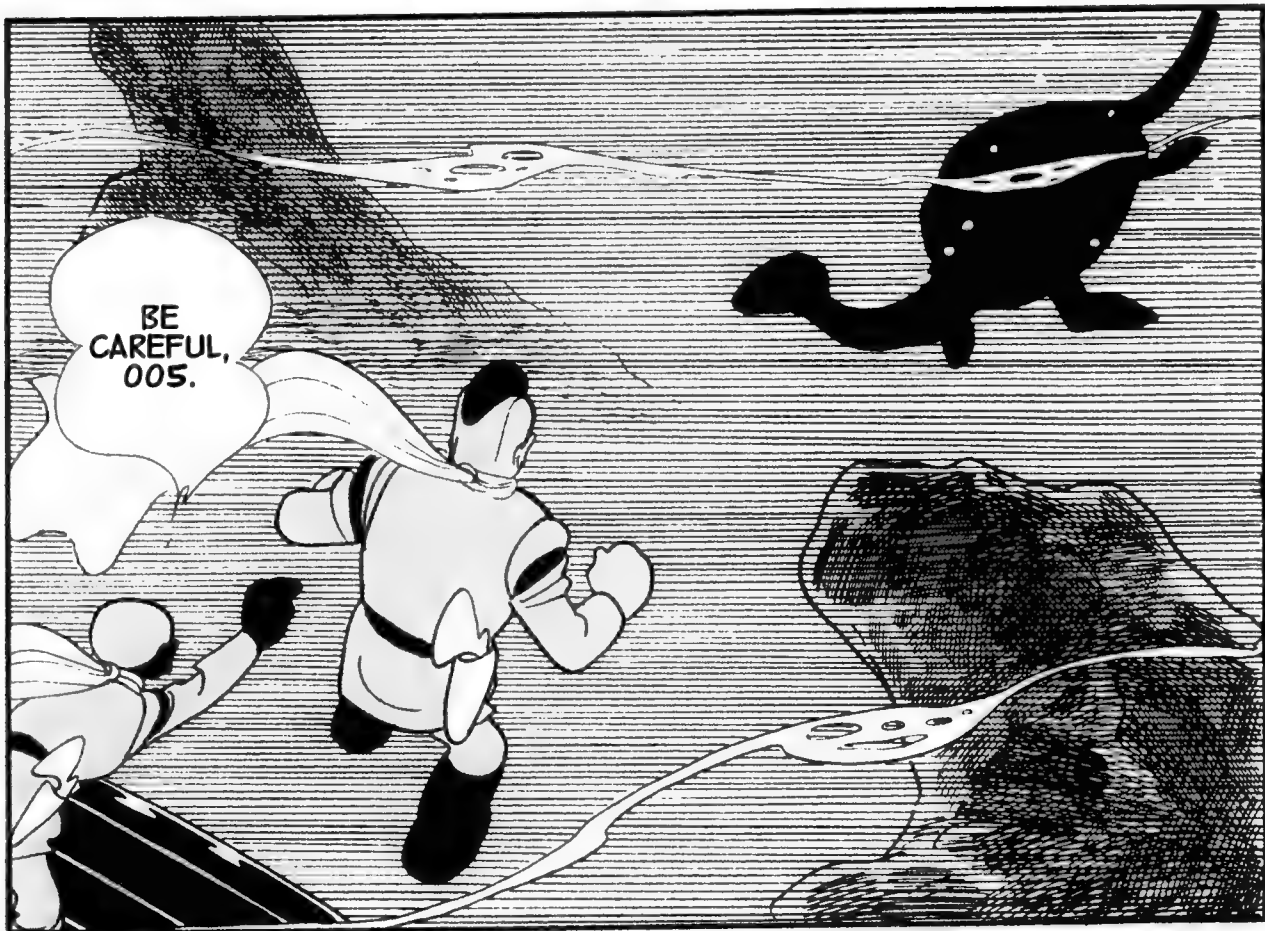
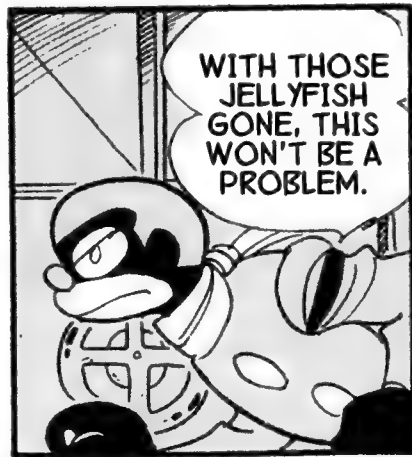
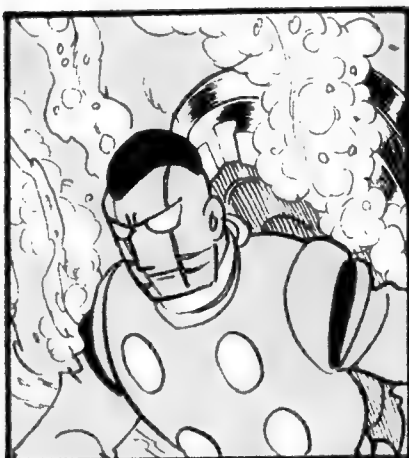


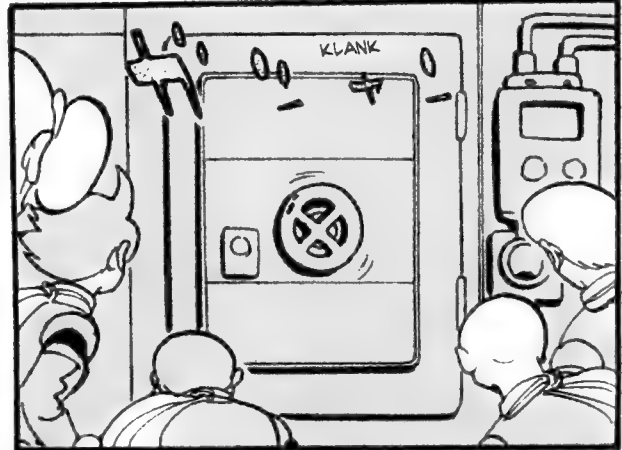
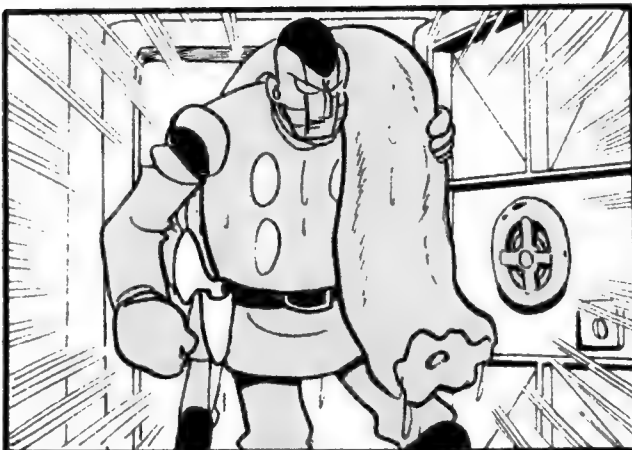
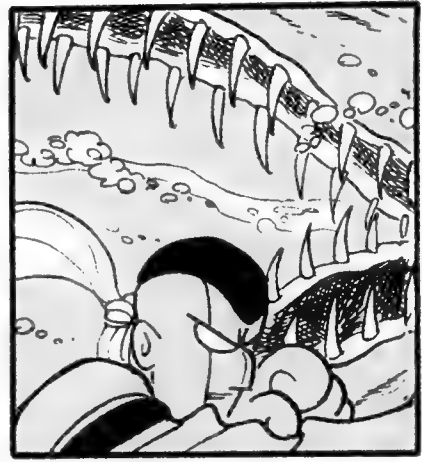


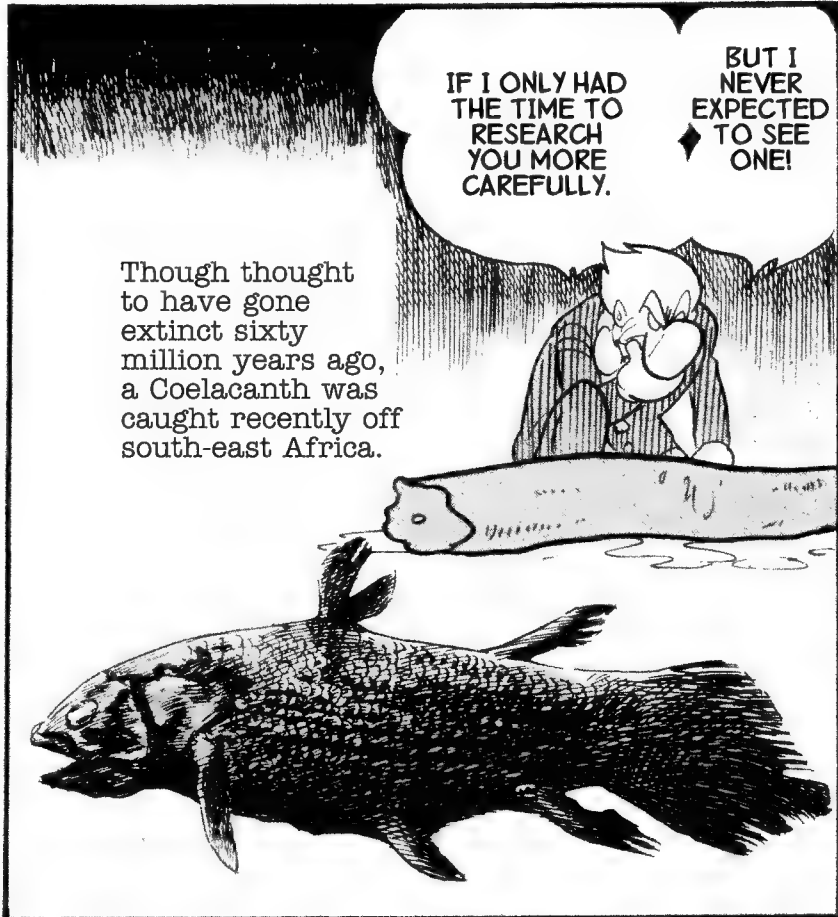
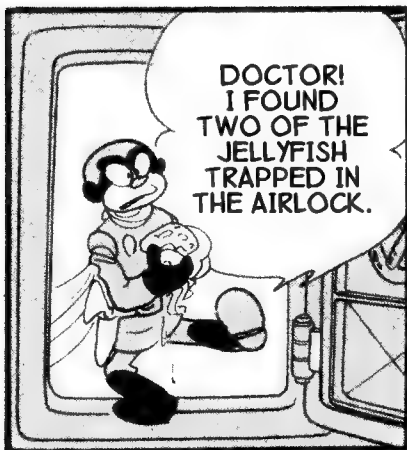
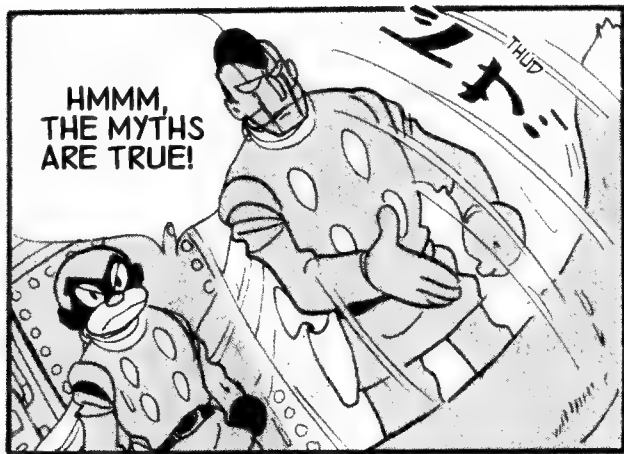


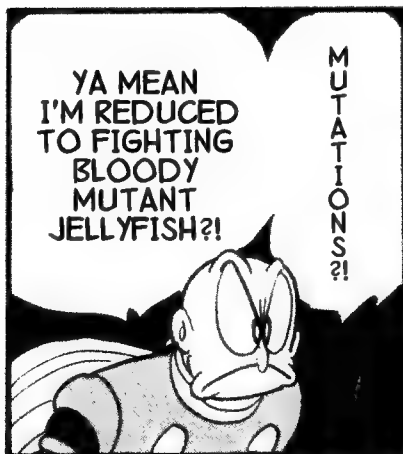
Right now,
001's
telekinesis
powers the
endangered
submarine.





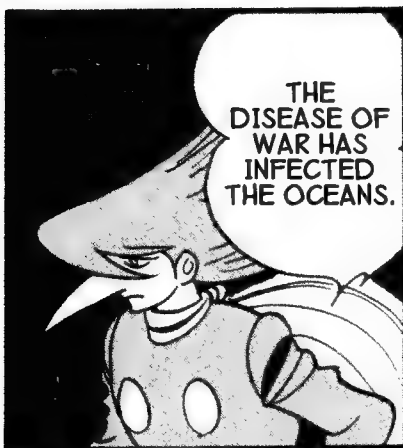




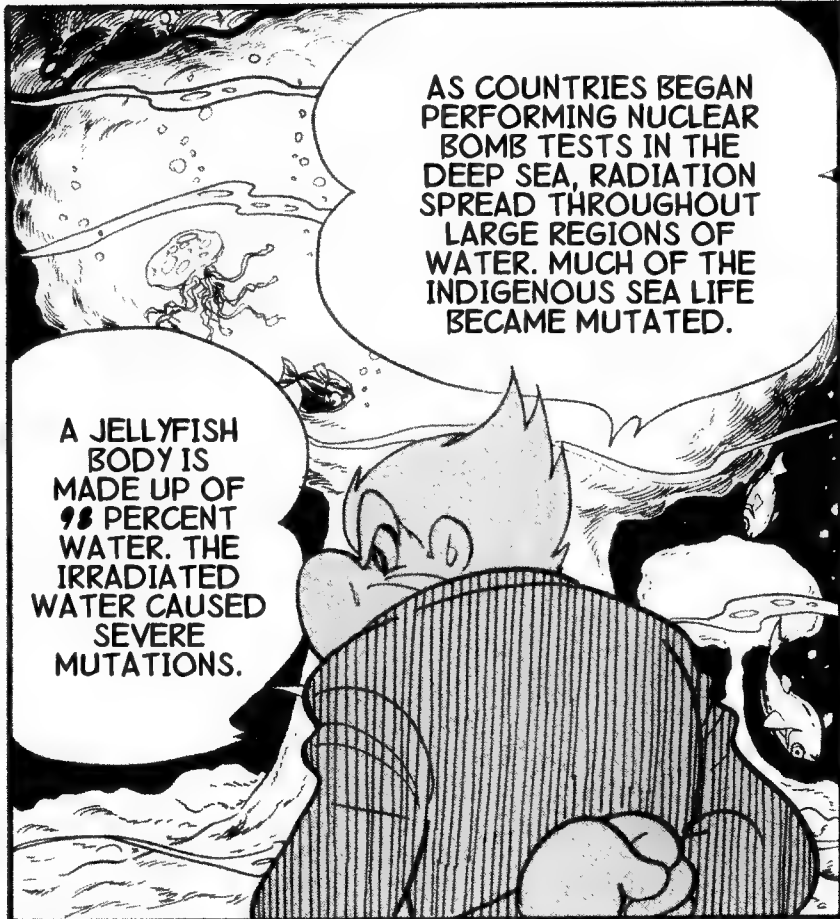


YA MEAN
I'M REDUCED
TO FIGHTING
BLOODY
MUTANT
JELLYFISH?!

MUTATIONS?!



THE
DISEASE OF
WAR HAS
INFECTED
THE OCEANS.



AS COUNTRIES BEGAN
PERFORMING NUCLEAR
BOMB TESTS IN THE
DEEP SEA, RADIATION
SPREAD THROUGHOUT
LARGE REGIONS OF
WATER. MUCH OF THE
INDIGENOUS SEA LIFE
BECAME MUTATED.

A JELLYFISH
BODY IS
MADE UP OF
98 PERCENT
WATER. THE
IRRADIATED
WATER CAUSED
SEVERE
MUTATIONS.



FOR THE
SAKE OF THE
EARTH!

WE HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO FIGHT IT!

AND THE
HOPE THAT
PEACE WILL
EVER THRIVE.

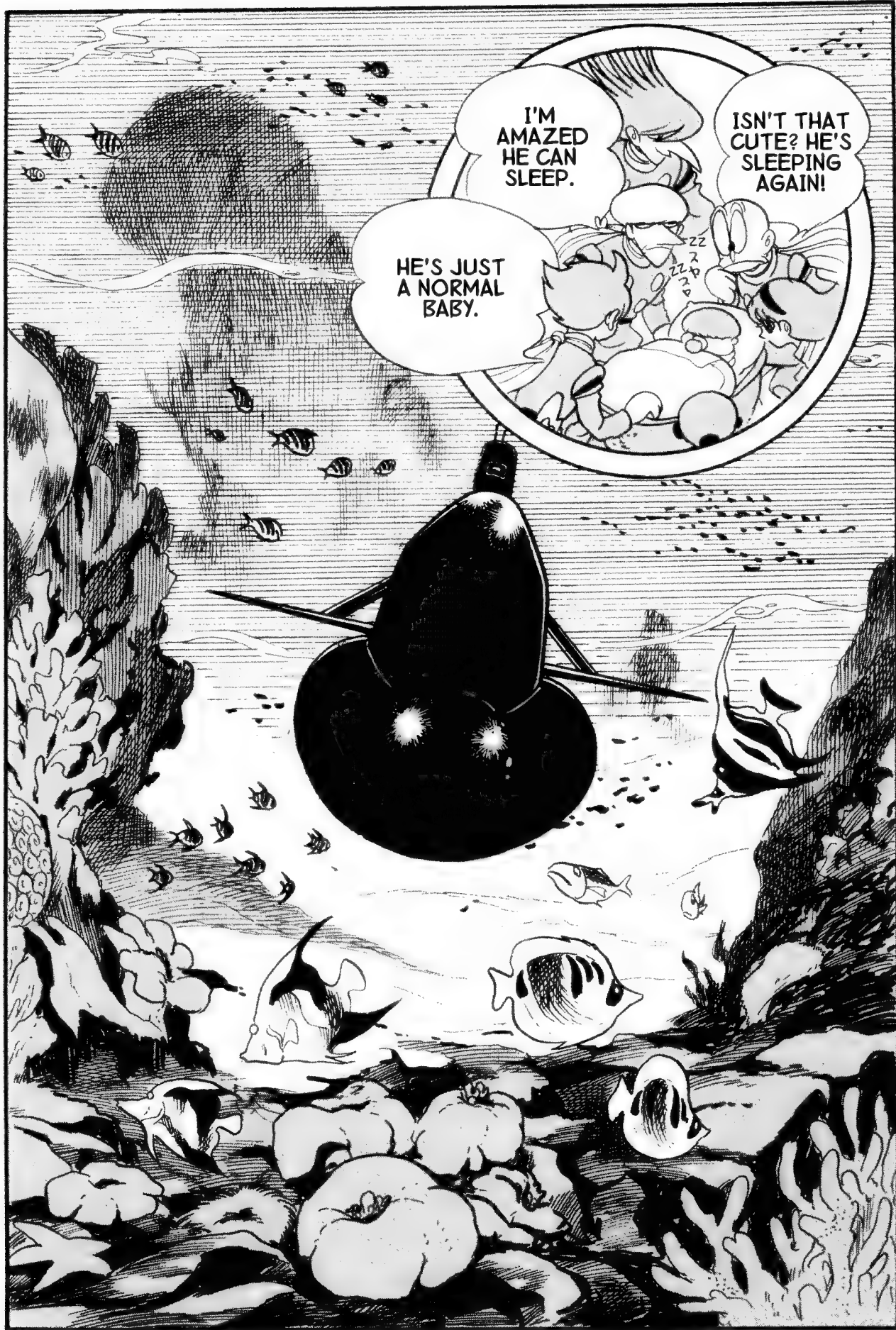


...LIES
THE
BLACK
GHOST!

AND IN THE
SHADOWS
OF WAR...



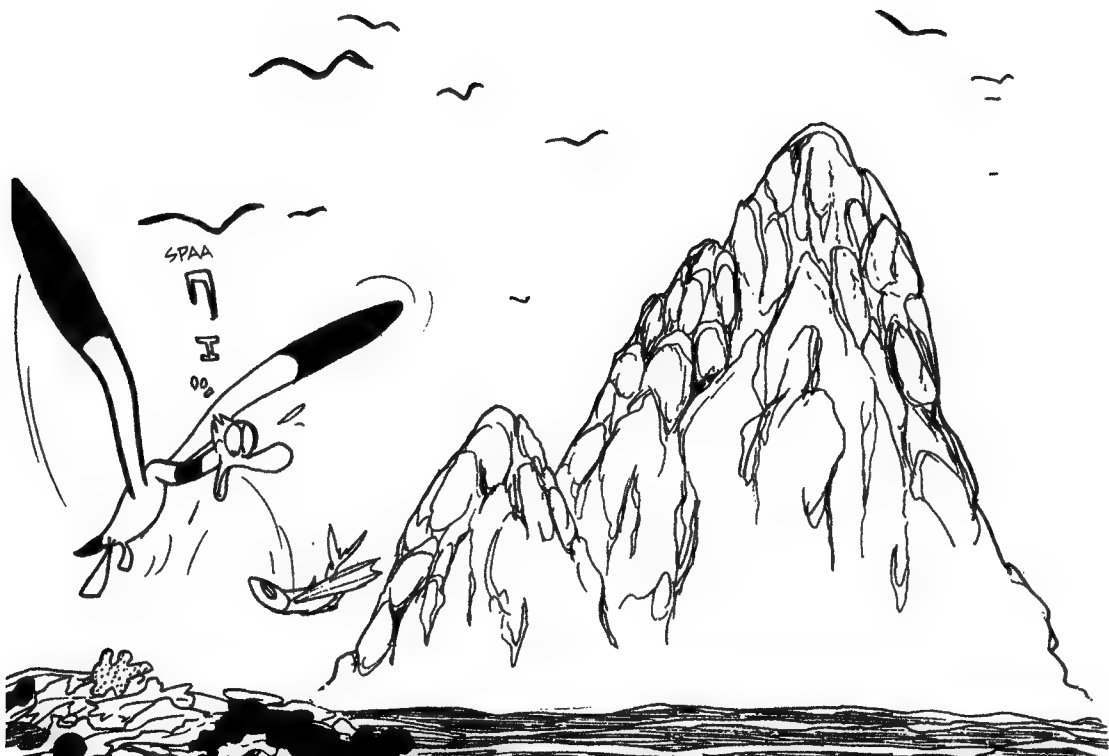
WE
MUST
FIGHT
IT.



I'M
AMAZED
HE CAN
SLEEP.

ISN'T THAT
CUTE? HE'S
SLEEPING
AGAIN!

HE'S JUST
A NORMAL
BABY.





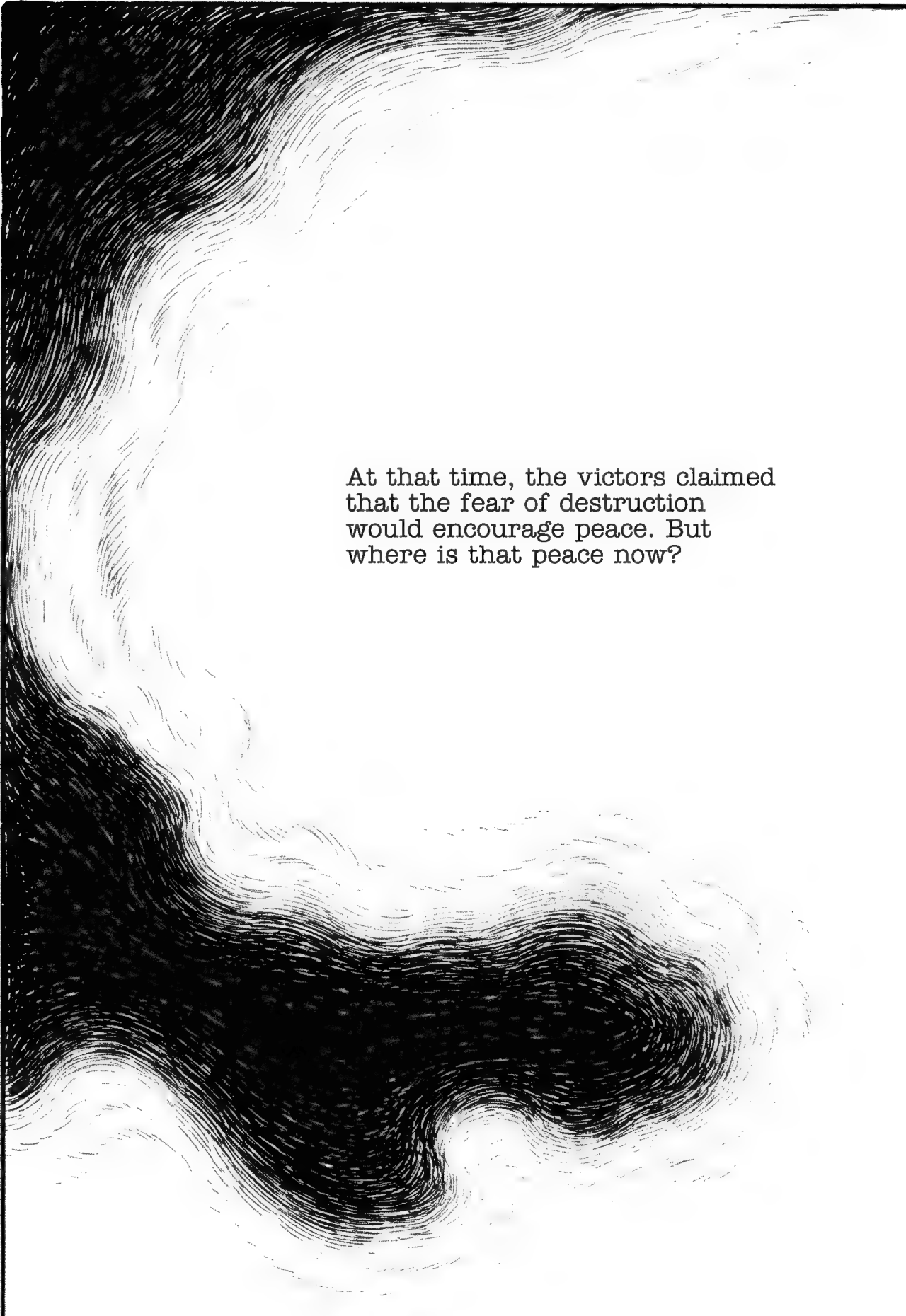
PROLOGUE



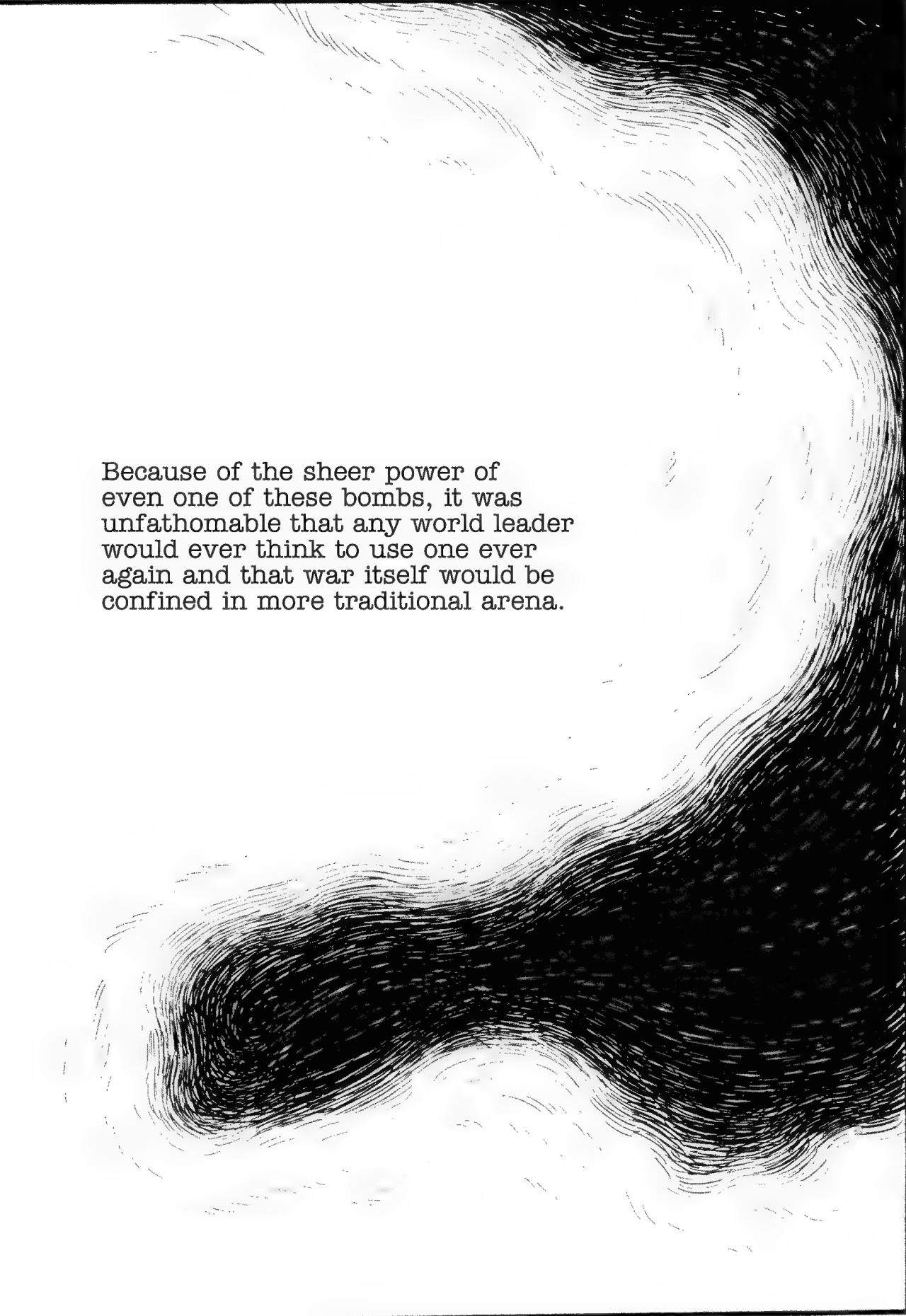
The atomic bombs
dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
arguably ended World War II.

The bomb was called "the second fire" or "the second sun" by the Japanese people. They believed it to be the ultimate weapon of war.





At that time, the victors claimed
that the fear of destruction
would encourage peace. But
where is that peace now?

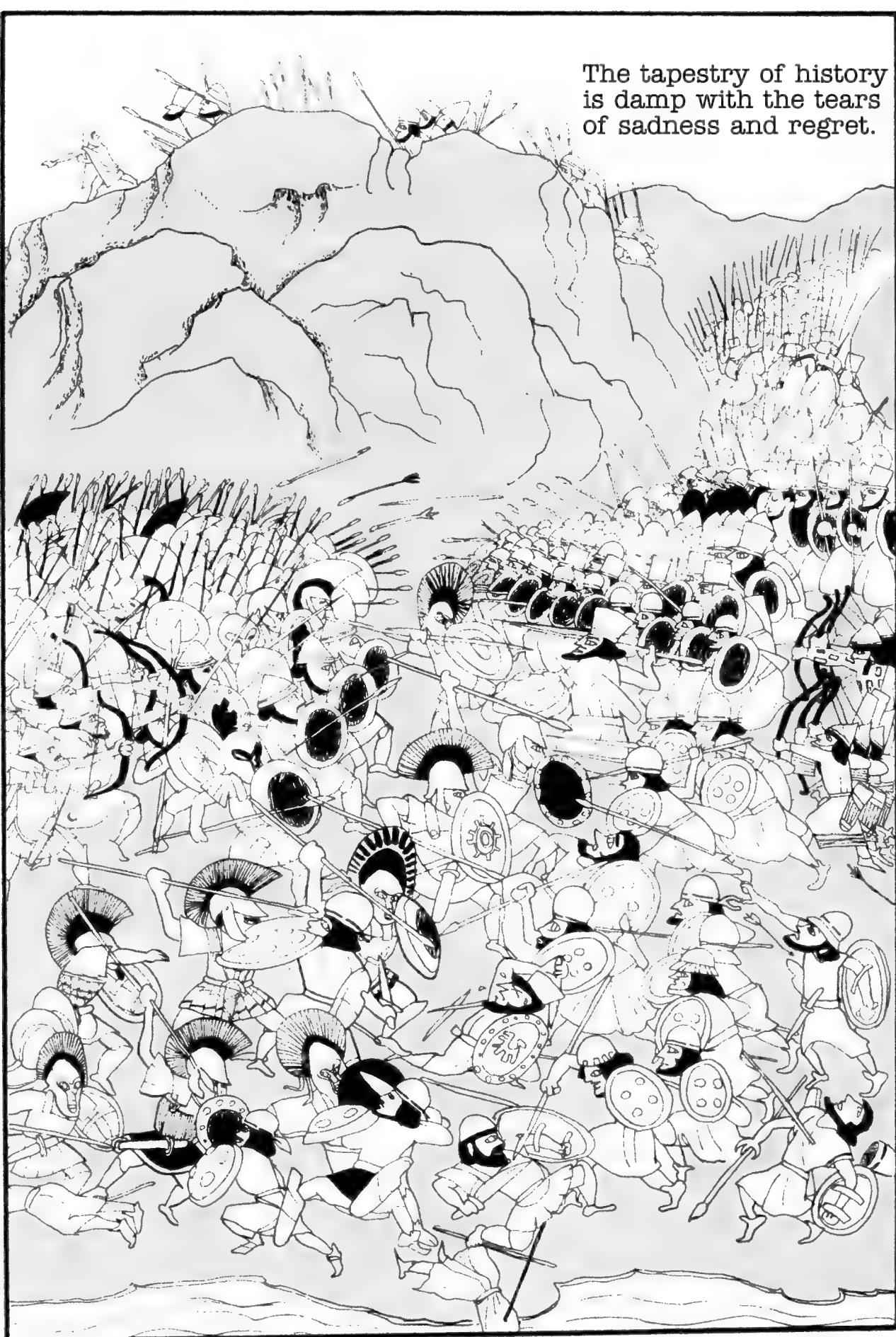


Because of the sheer power of
even one of these bombs, it was
unfathomable that any world leader
would ever think to use one ever
again and that war itself would be
confined in more traditional arena.

From the dawn of man, humankind
has entangled itself in conflict
and struggle. It's as if humanity
thrives on a culture of conflict,
clashes and bloodshed.



The tapestry of history
is damp with the tears
of sadness and regret.

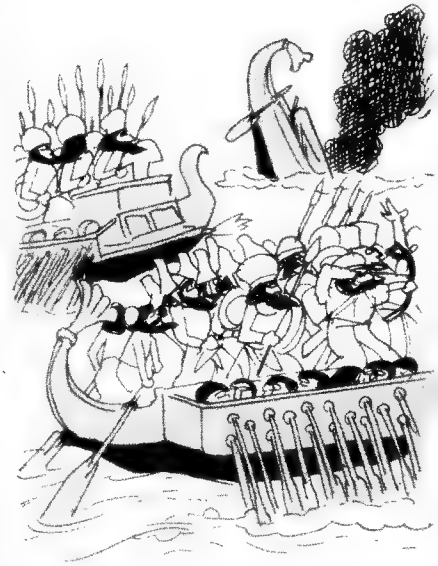


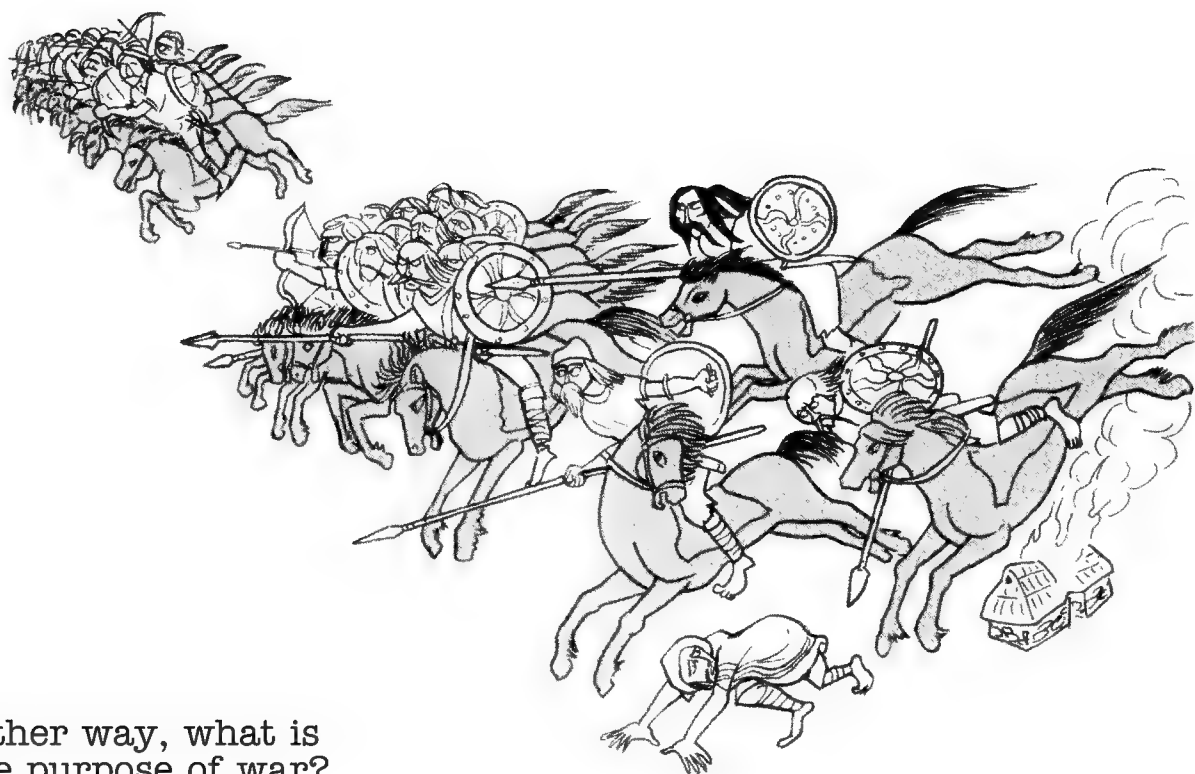
However, what is it that drives humanity to combat? Is it a genetically-rooted impulse that keeps the thirst for war coursing through its veins?





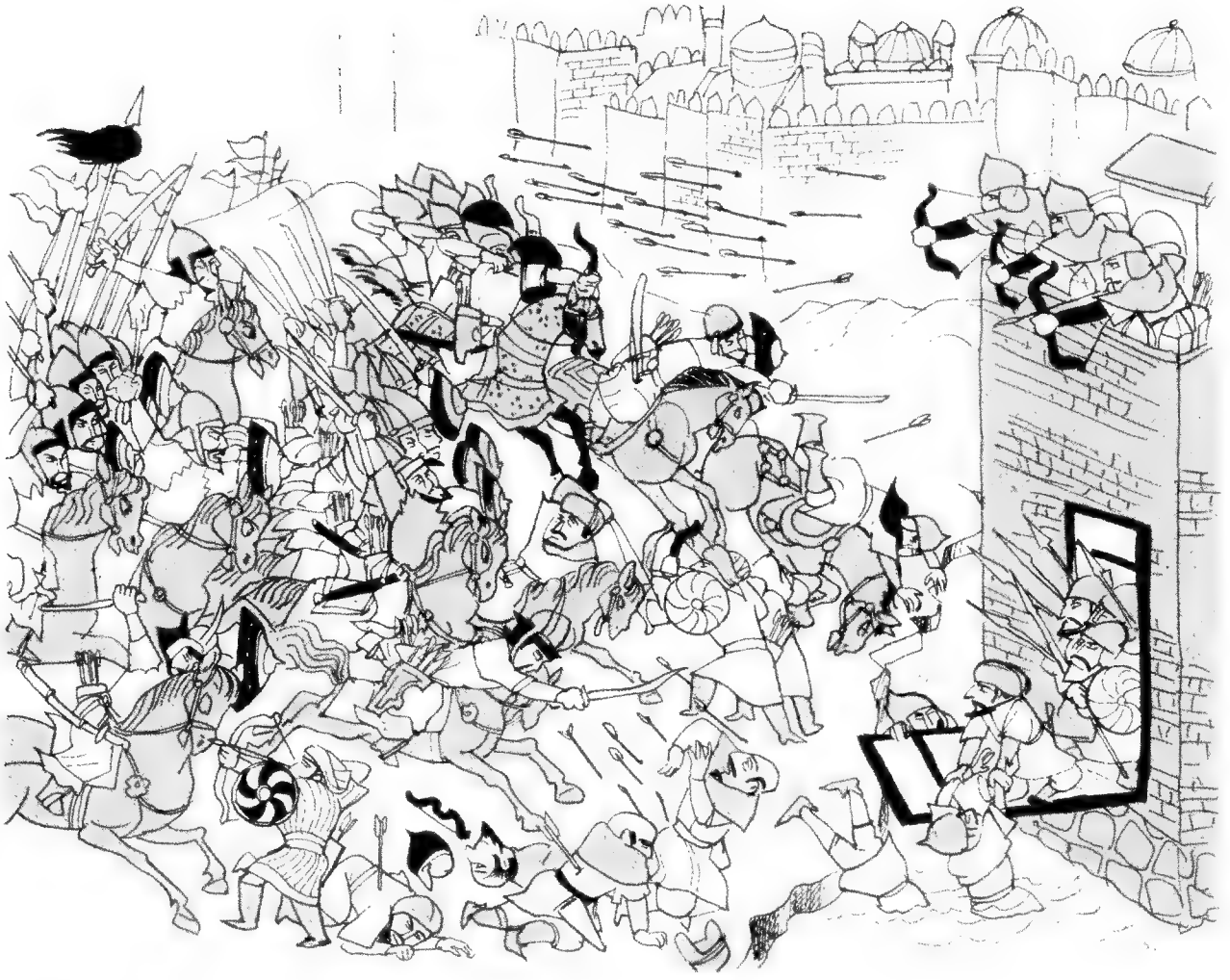
Or could it be that the same energy that fuels the human biological proclivity to illness and disease also fuels the spiritual desire to destroy?



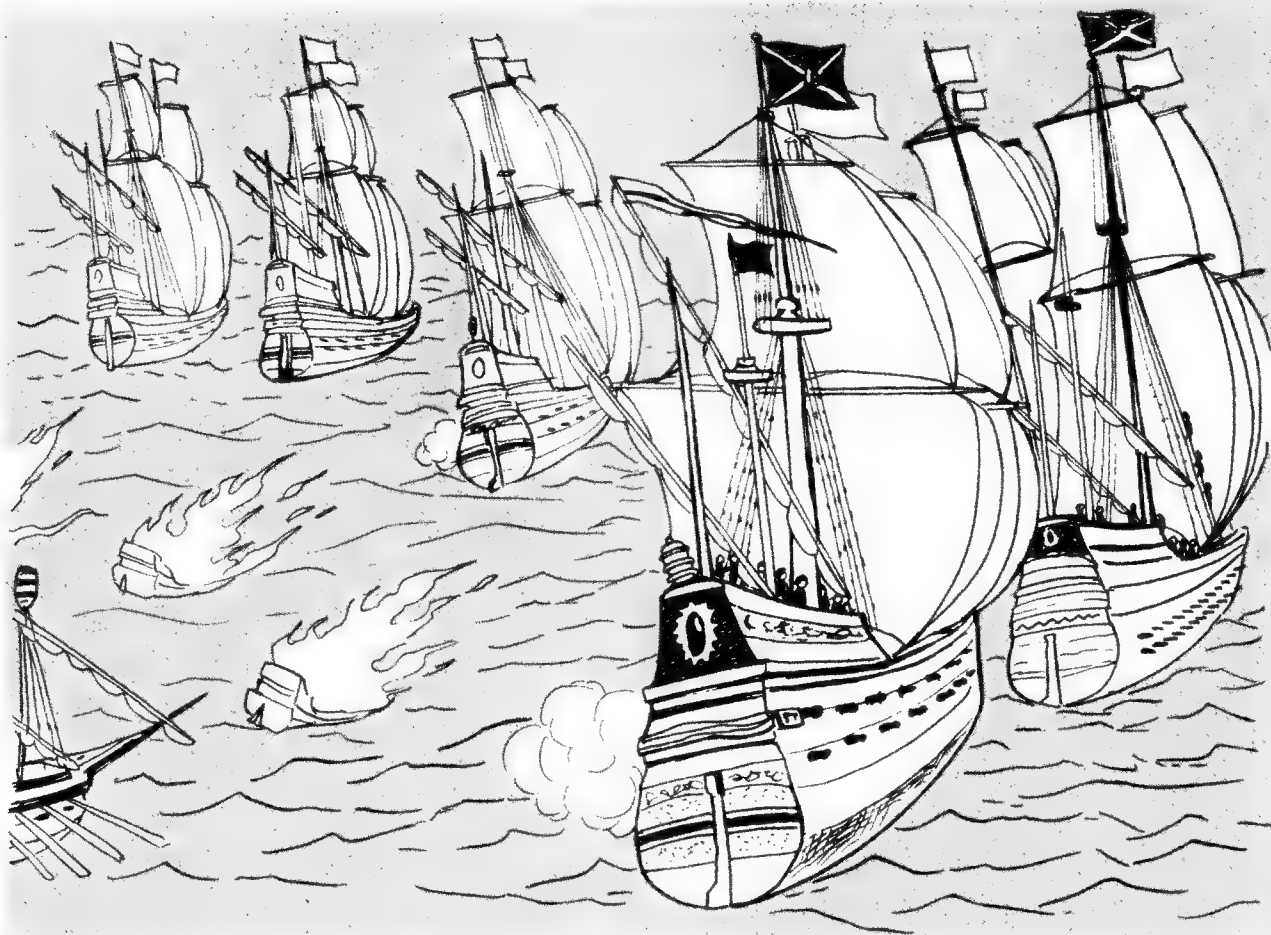


Either way, what is
the purpose of war?

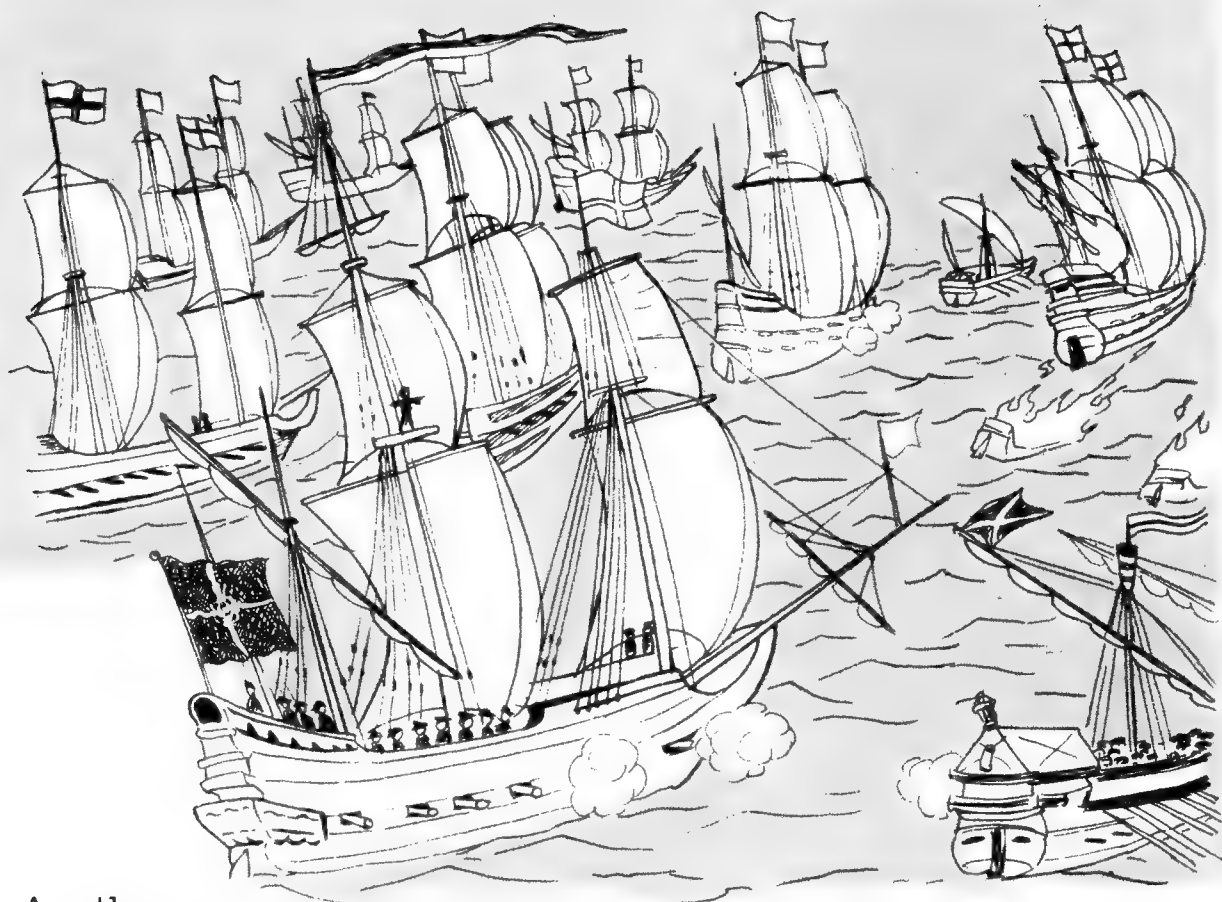




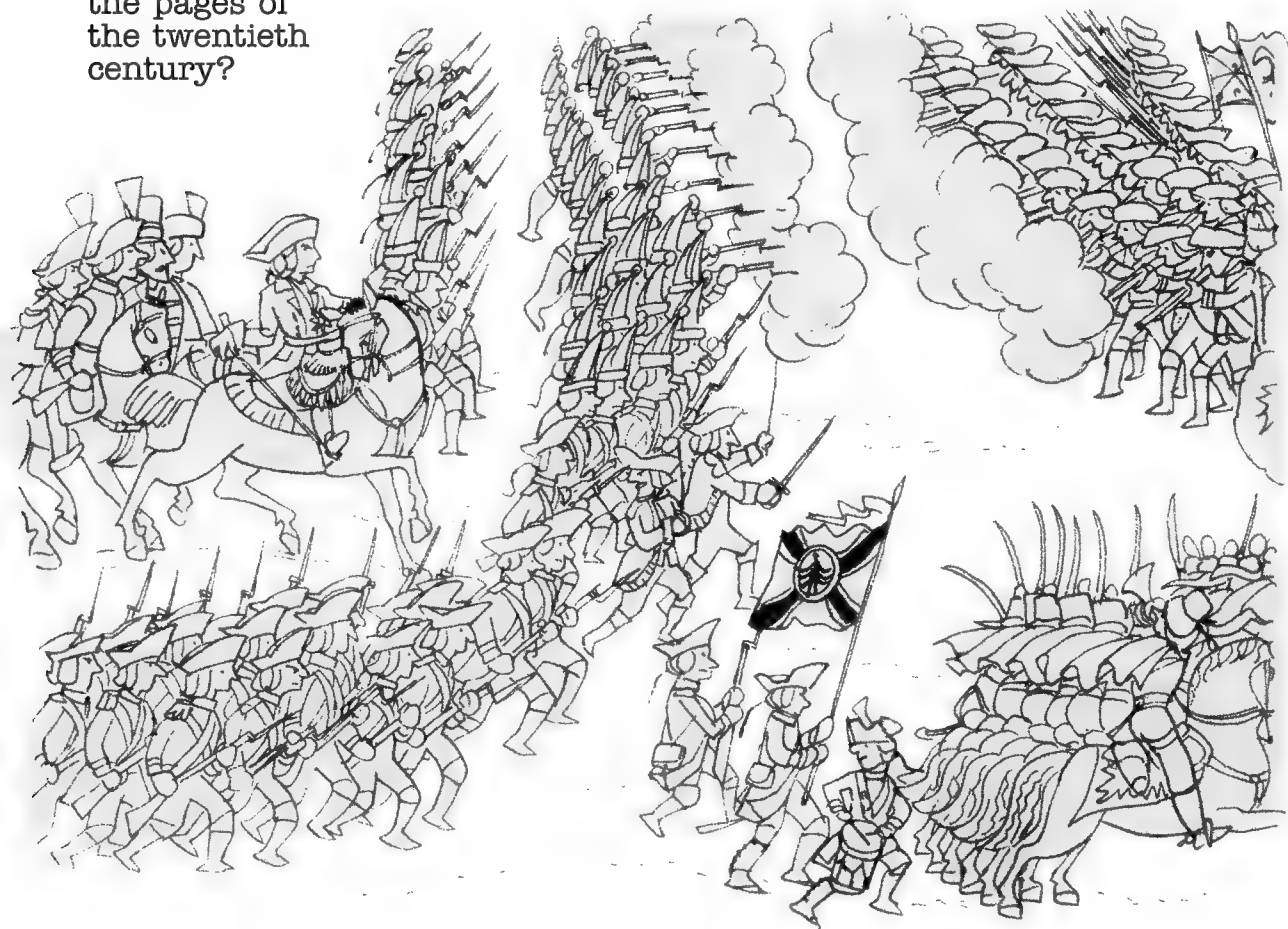
What kind of human impulse demands so much sacrifice?!

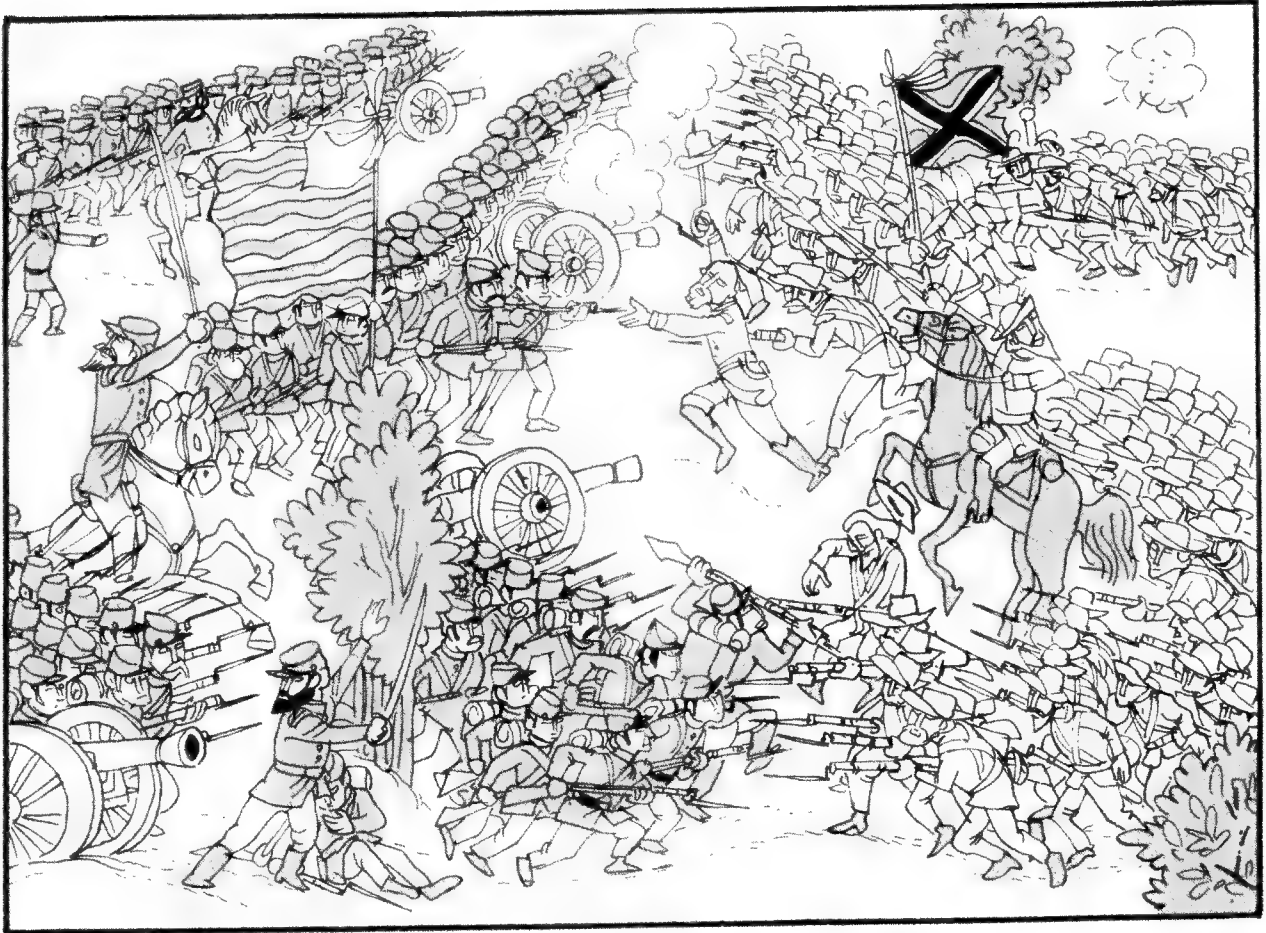


Perhaps it's a necessary evil. After all, history has shown us that war has brought about positive change as well. Can the very pages of history not turn without war?

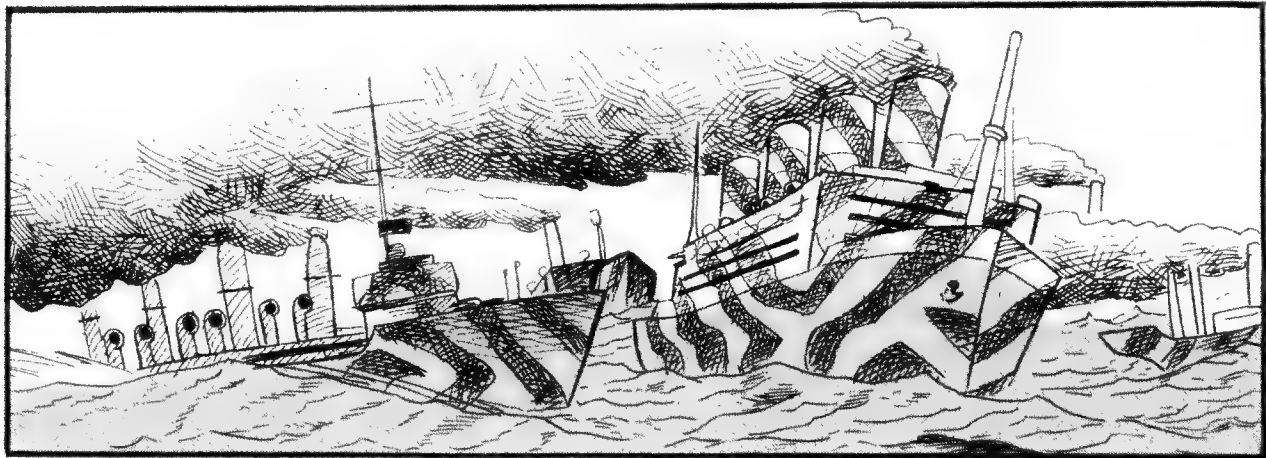
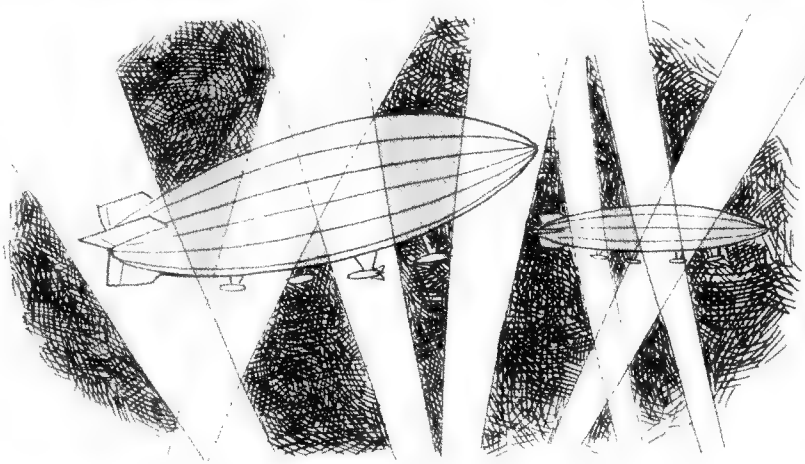


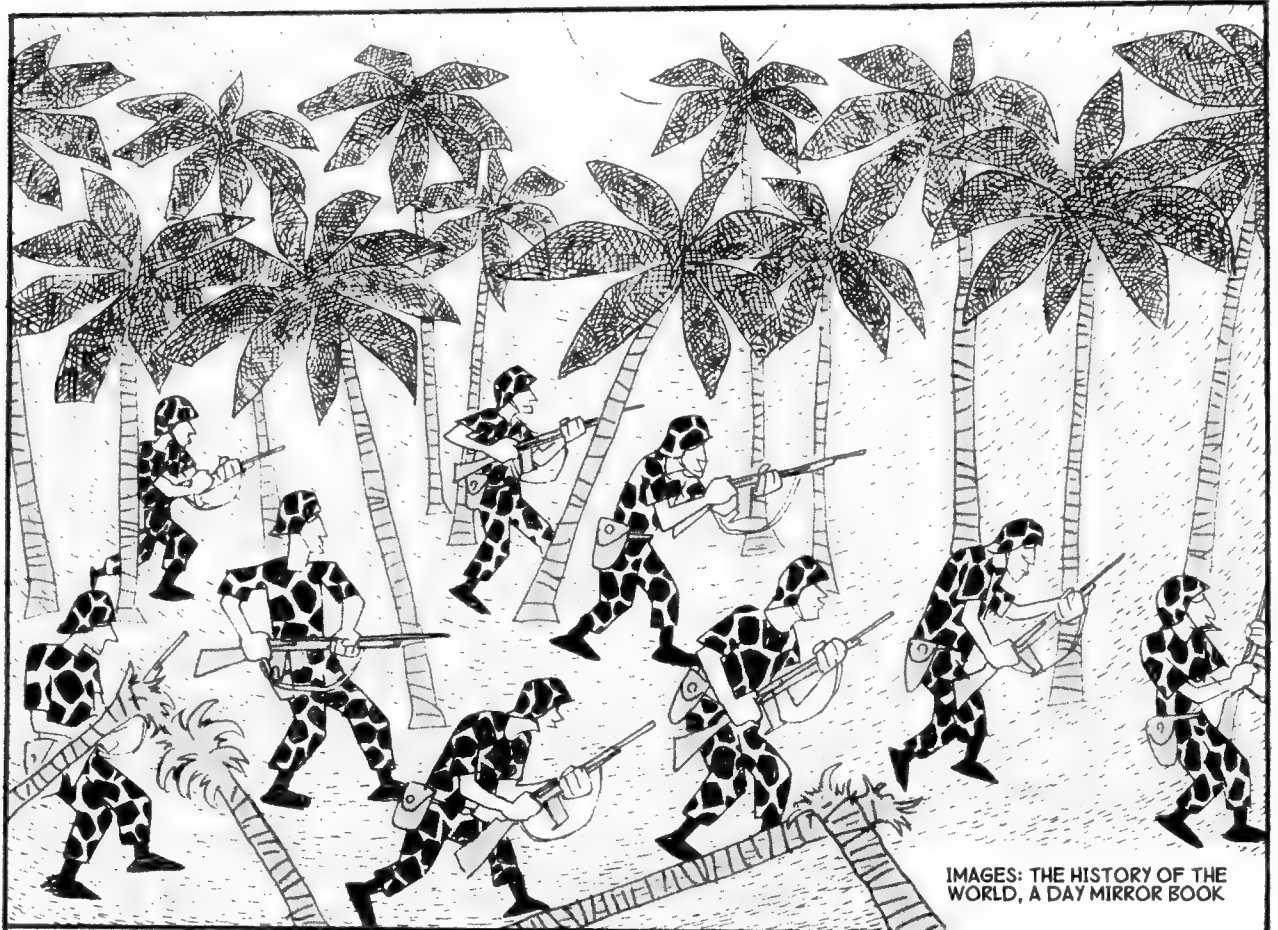
Are these
the pages of
the twentieth
century?





World War I.
World War II.
And then...the final
significant conflict.



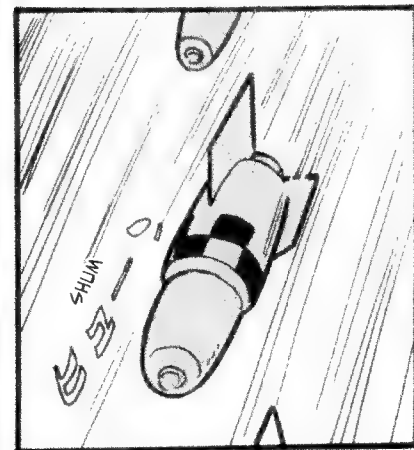
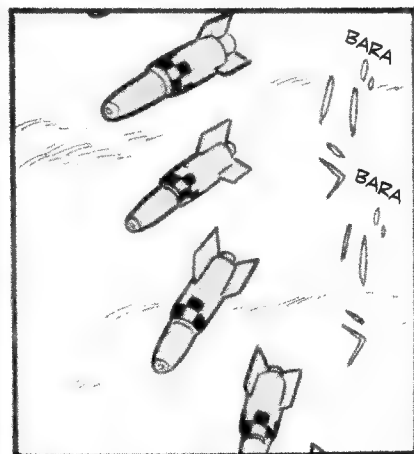
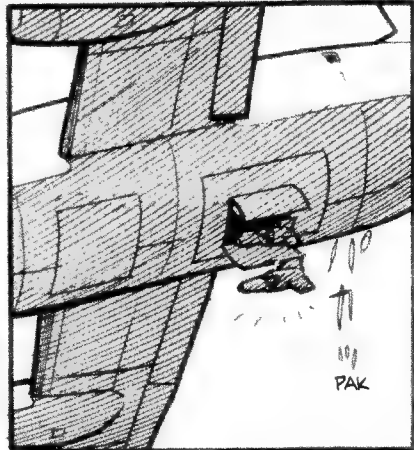
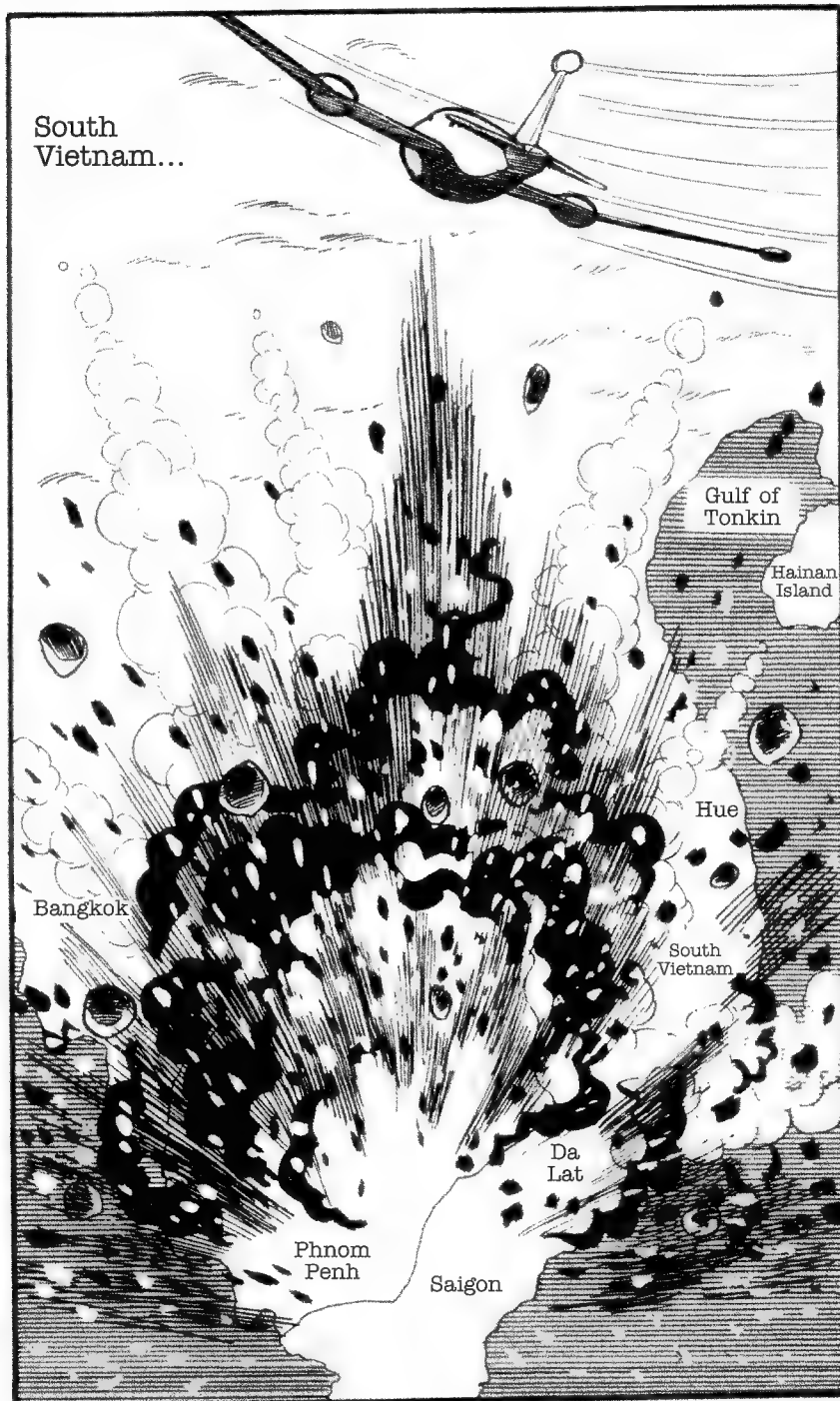
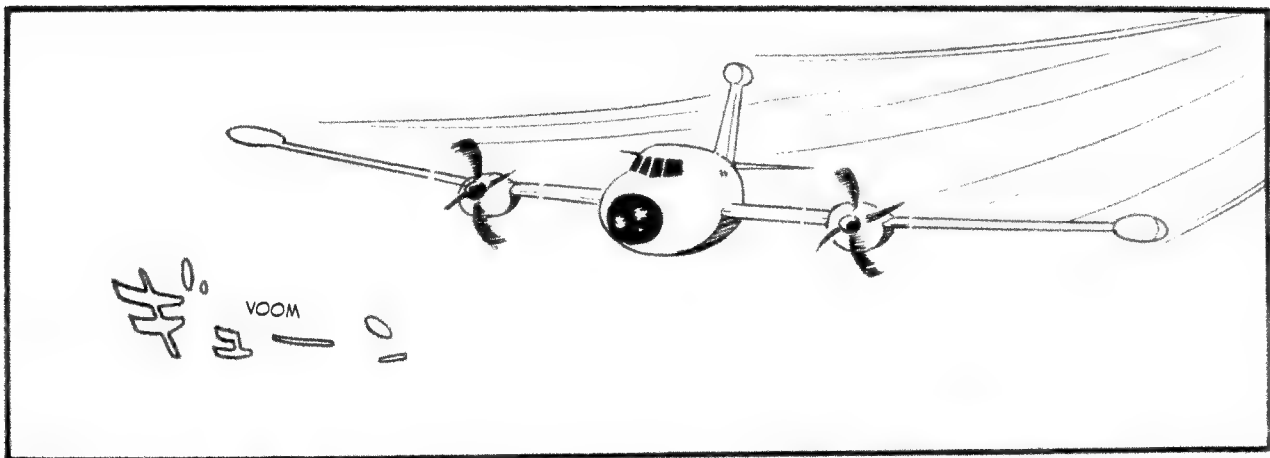


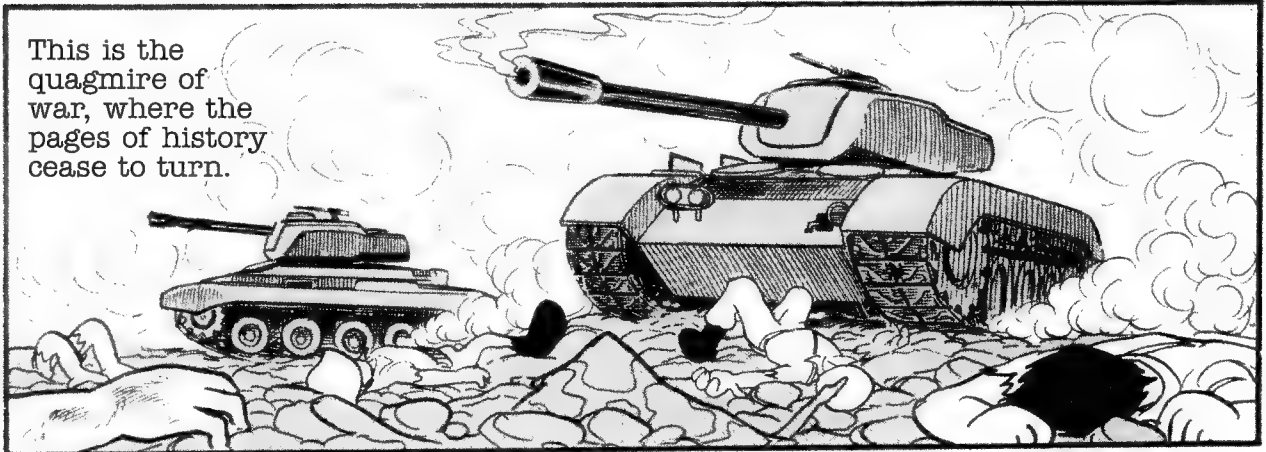
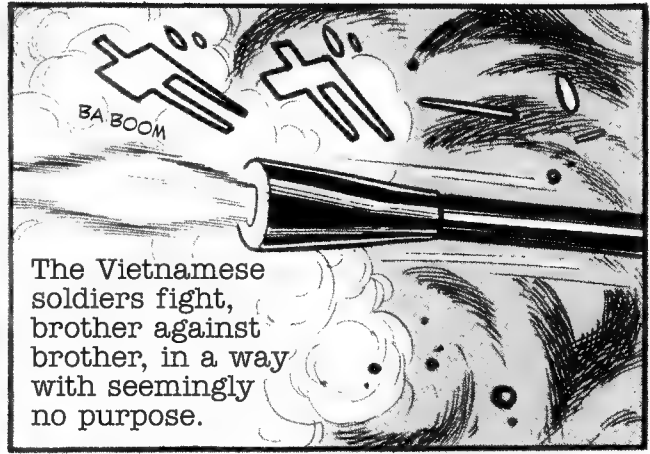
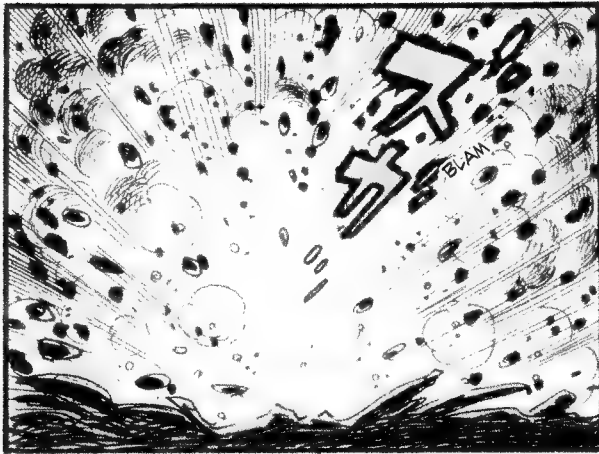
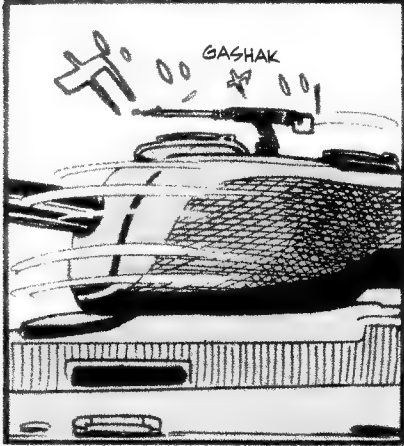
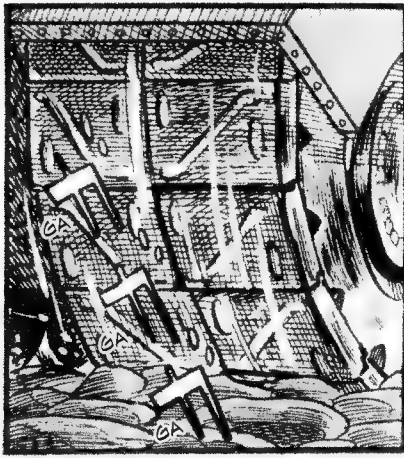
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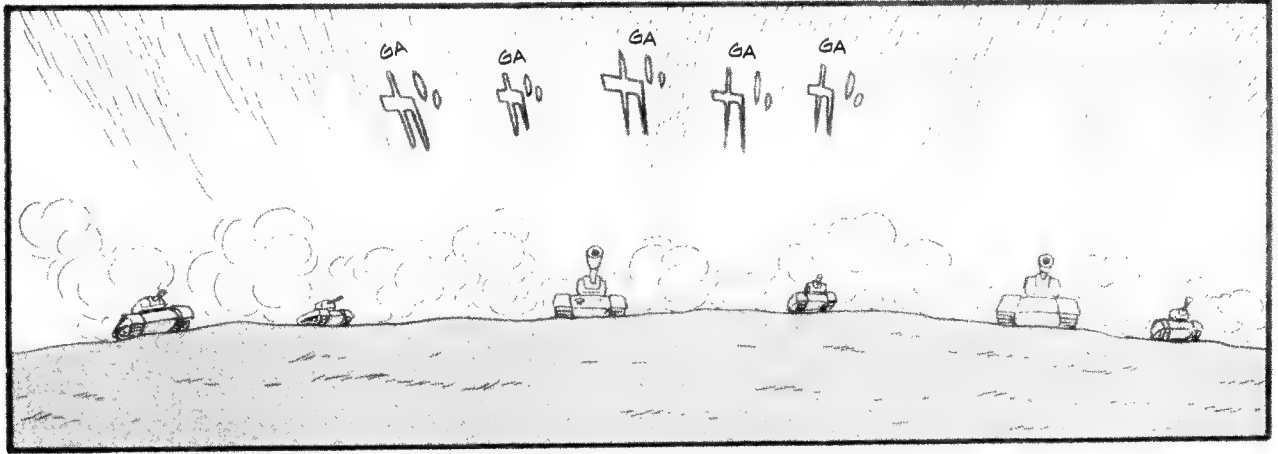
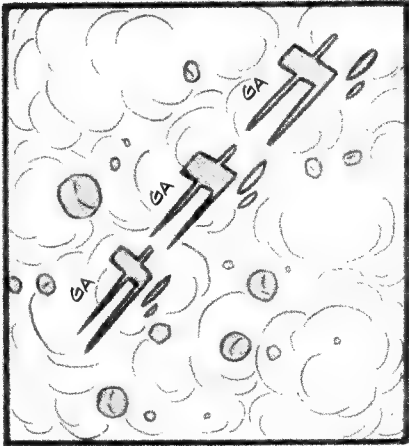
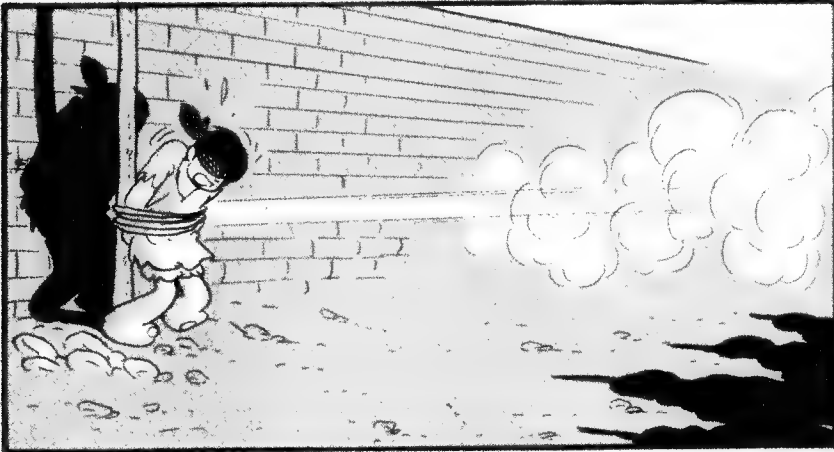
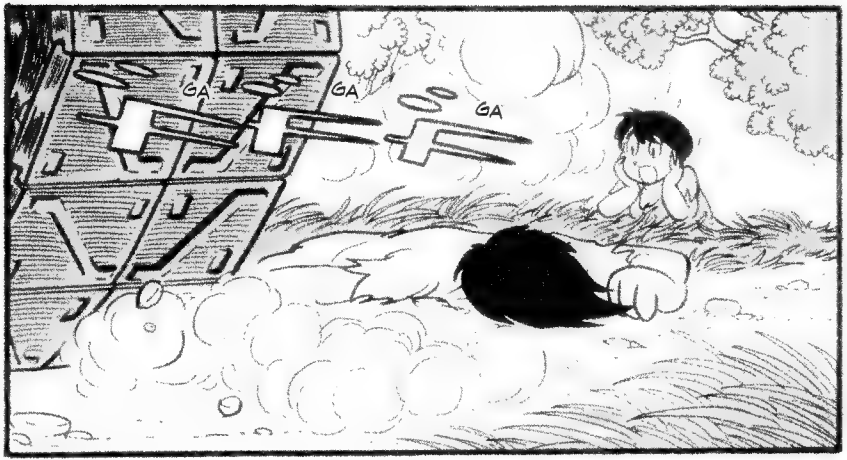
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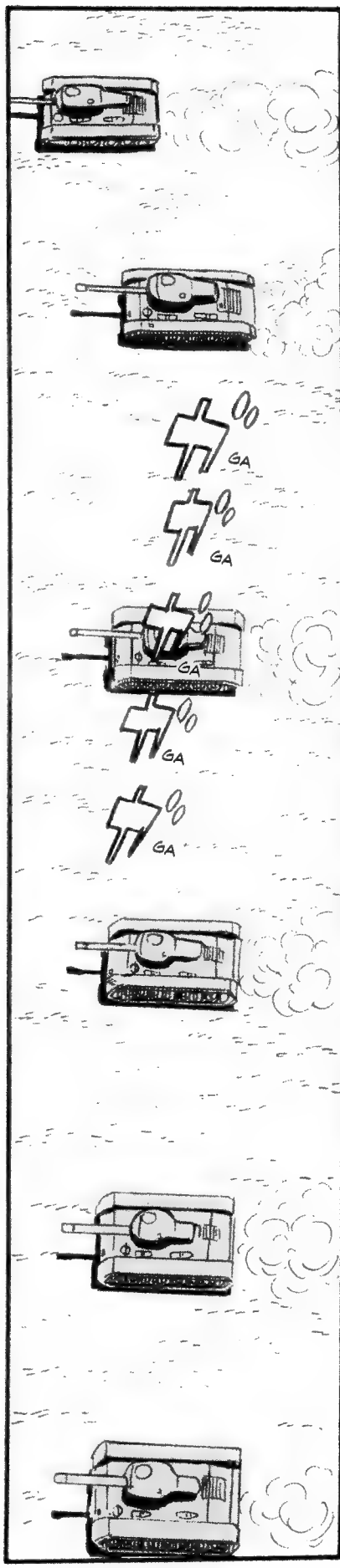
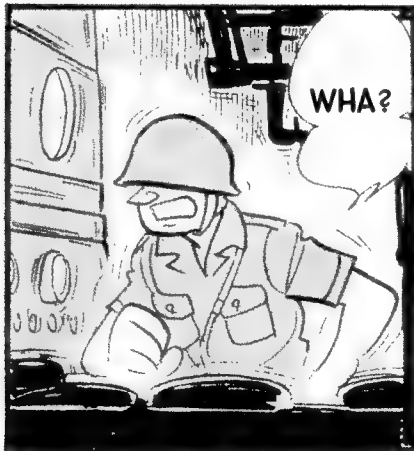
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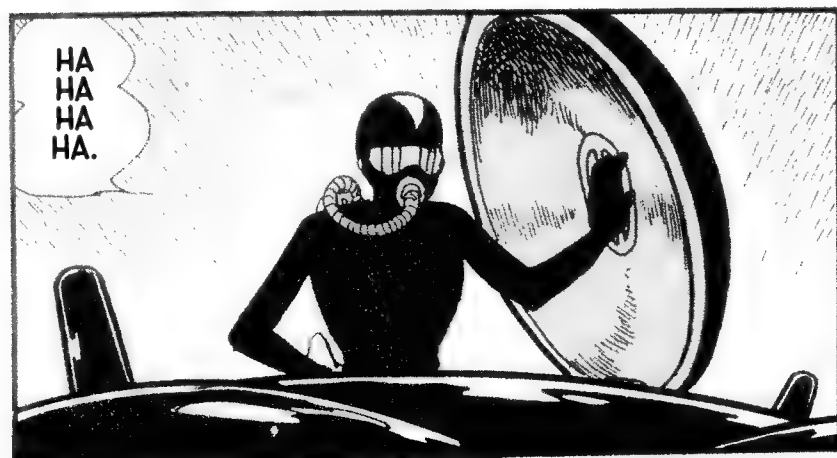












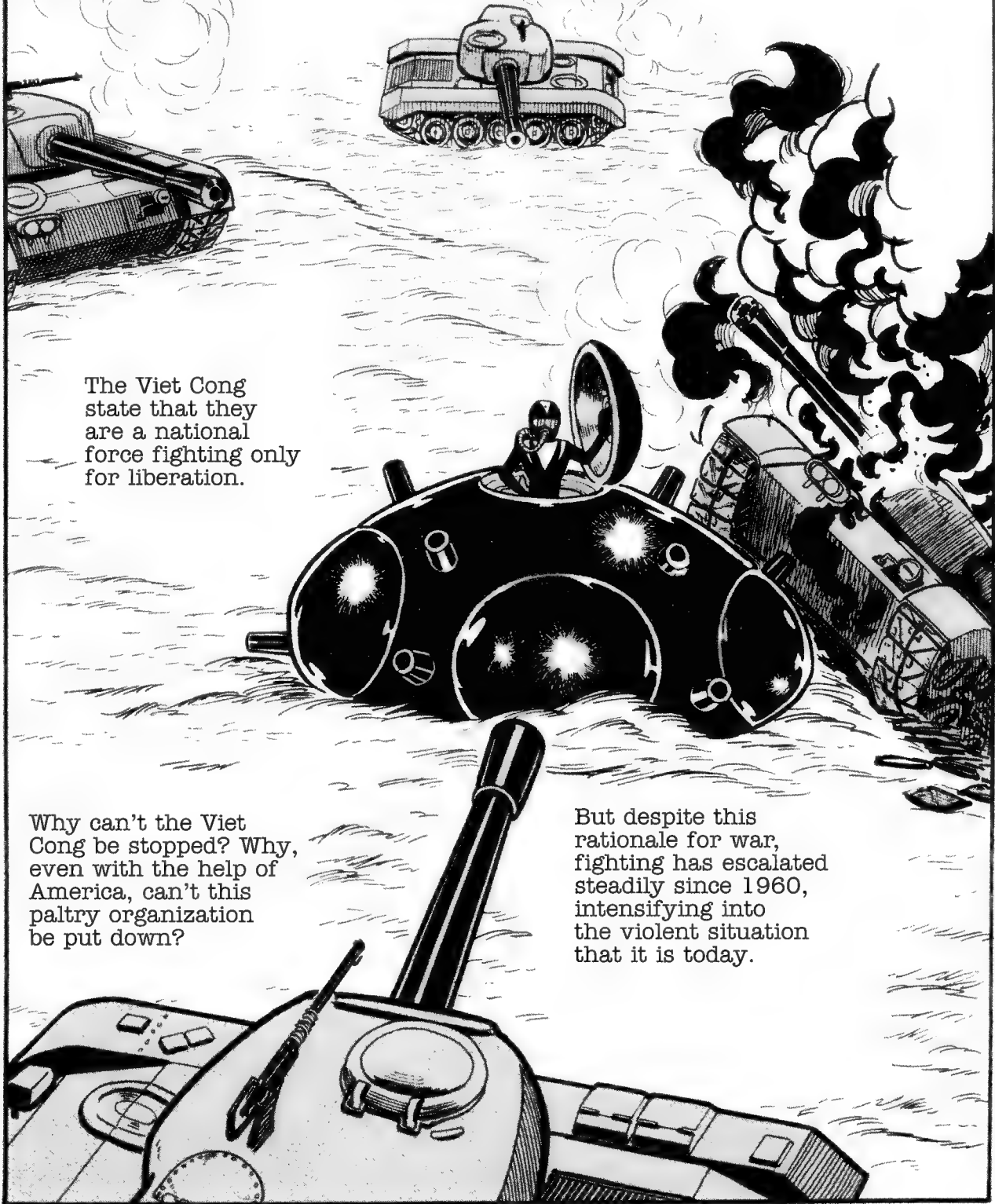
CHAPTER 18 MUD AND BLOOD

In an effort to tip the balance toward the South Vietnamese in their struggle against communist guerrillas, the United States has sent large amounts of weapons and special units to the Vietnam battlefield.

The Viet Cong state that they are a national force fighting only for liberation.

Why can't the Viet Cong be stopped? Why, even with the help of America, can't this paltry organization be put down?

But despite this rationale for war, fighting has escalated steadily since 1960, intensifying into the violent situation that it is today.

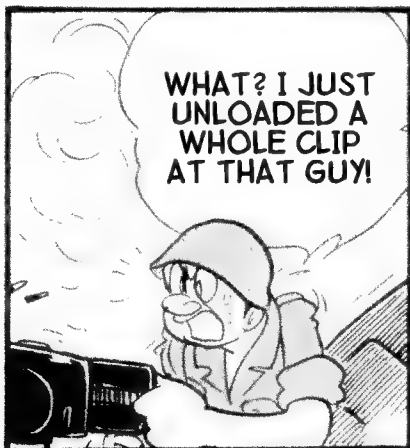


I can think of three reasons. For one, the dense jungle battlefields that the Viet Cong have learned to combat on since the days when Vietnam was a French colony is completely foreign terrain to the U.S. forces.

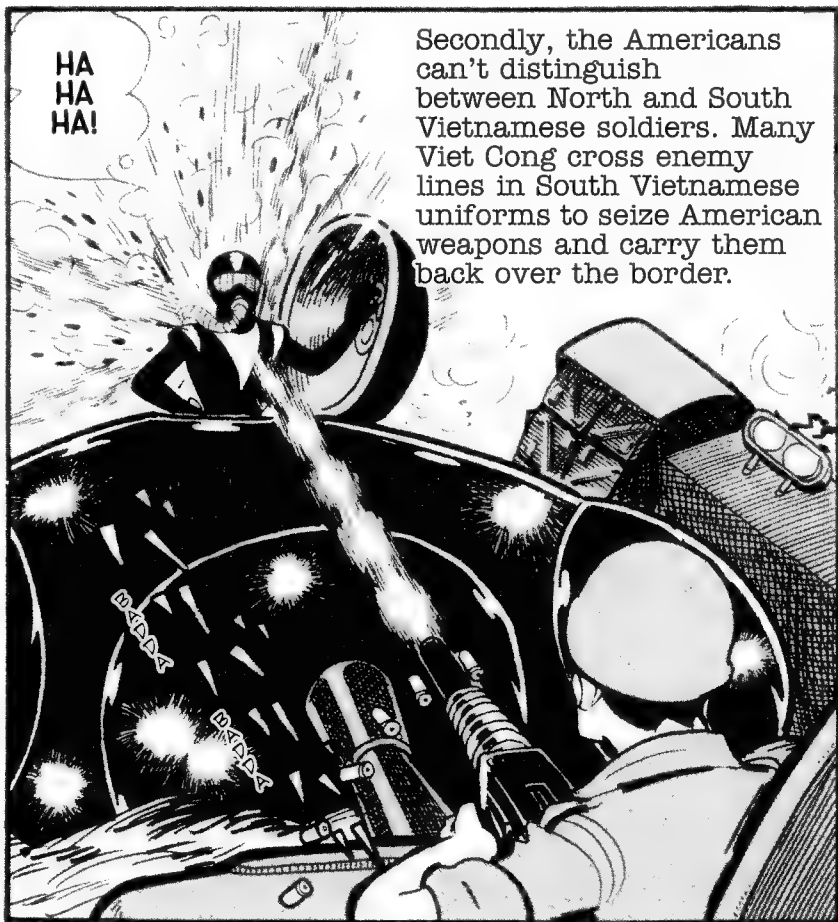
DAMN,
WHAT IS
HE...?



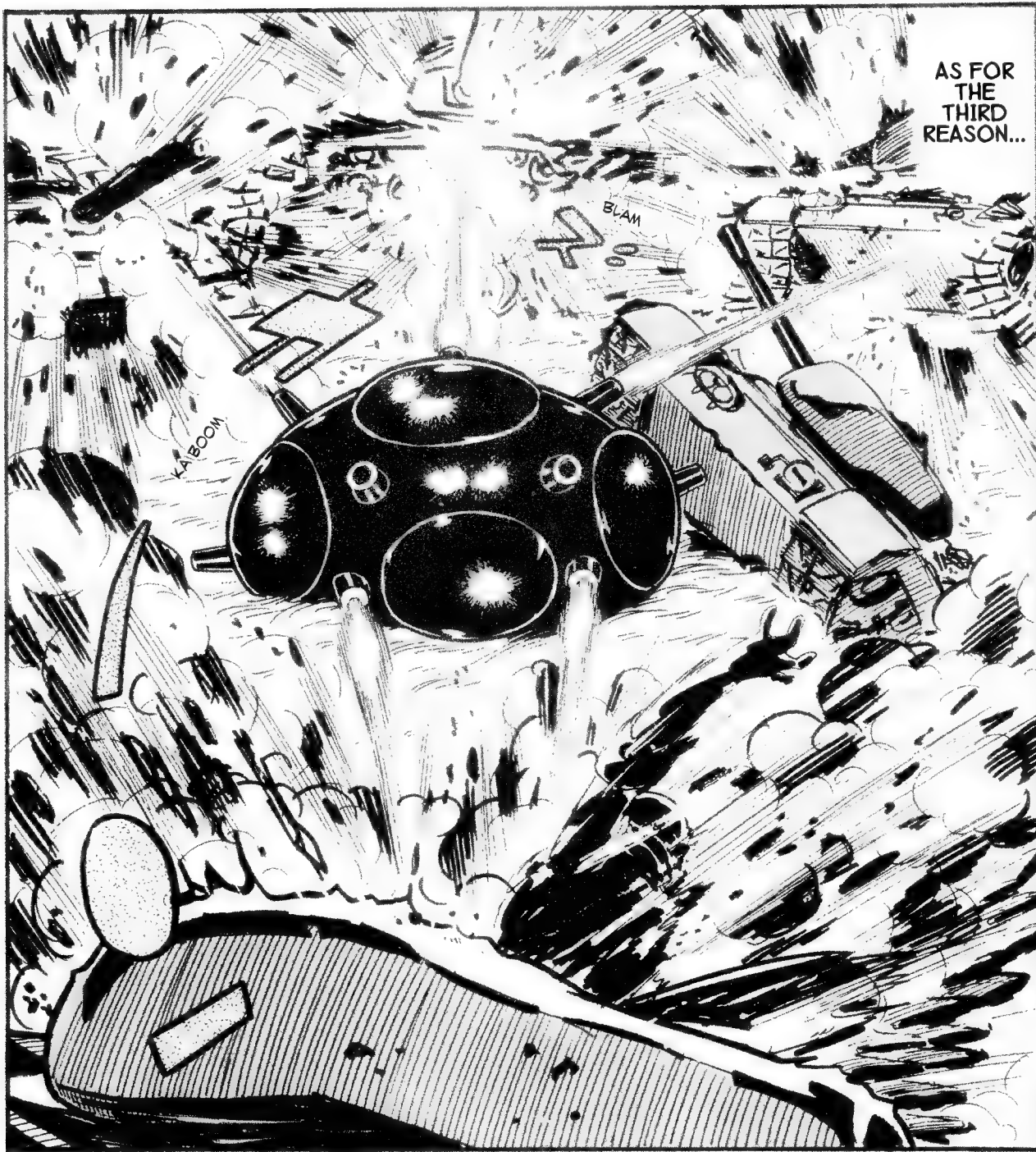
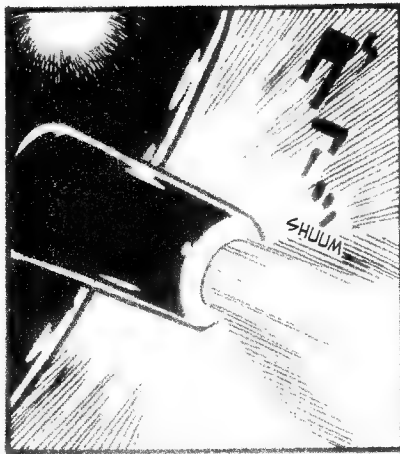
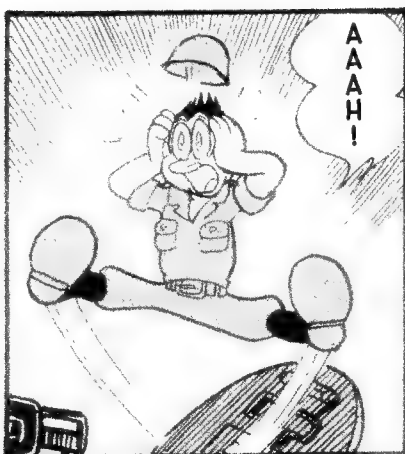
WHAT? I JUST
UNLOADED A
WHOLE CLIP
AT THAT GUY!

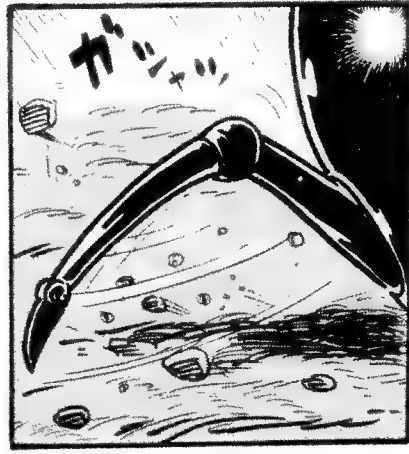
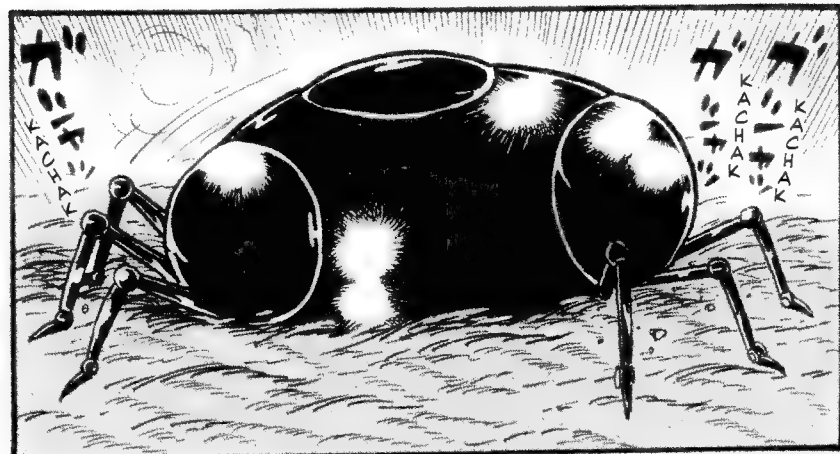
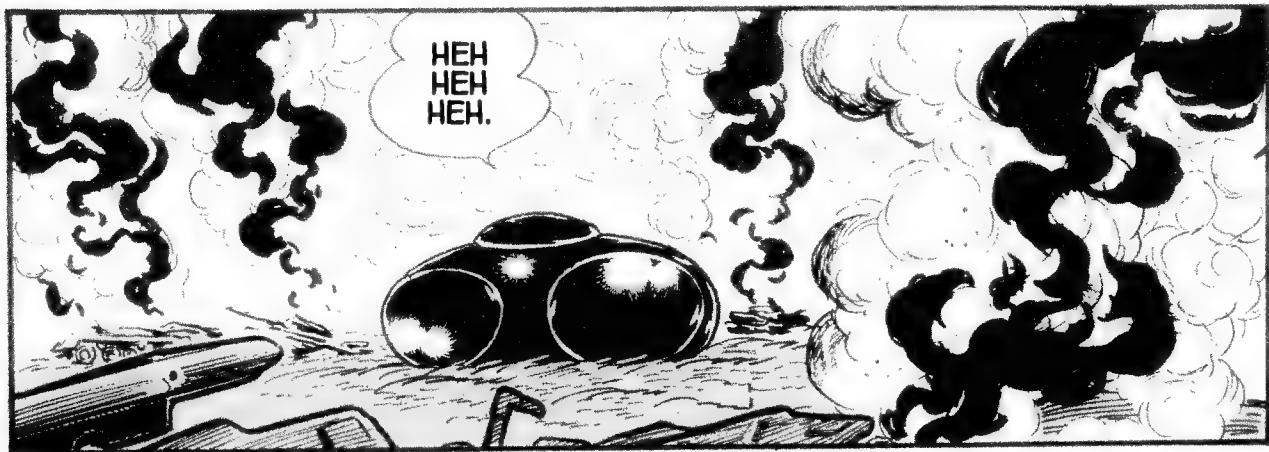
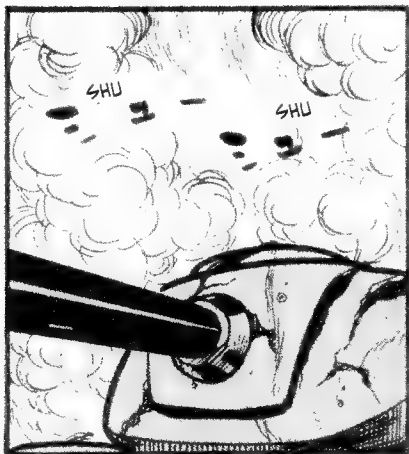


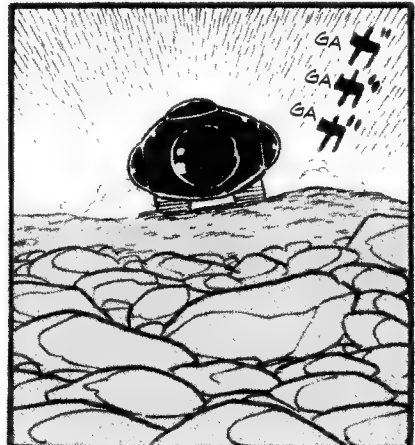
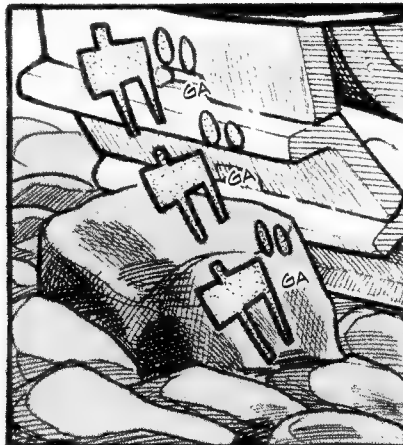
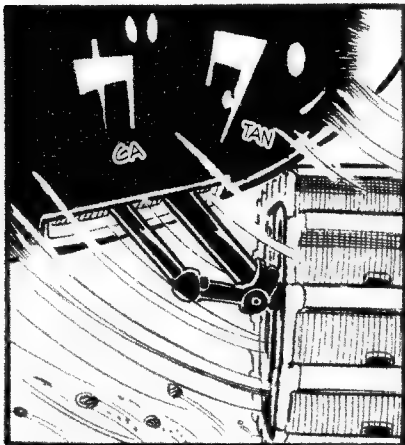
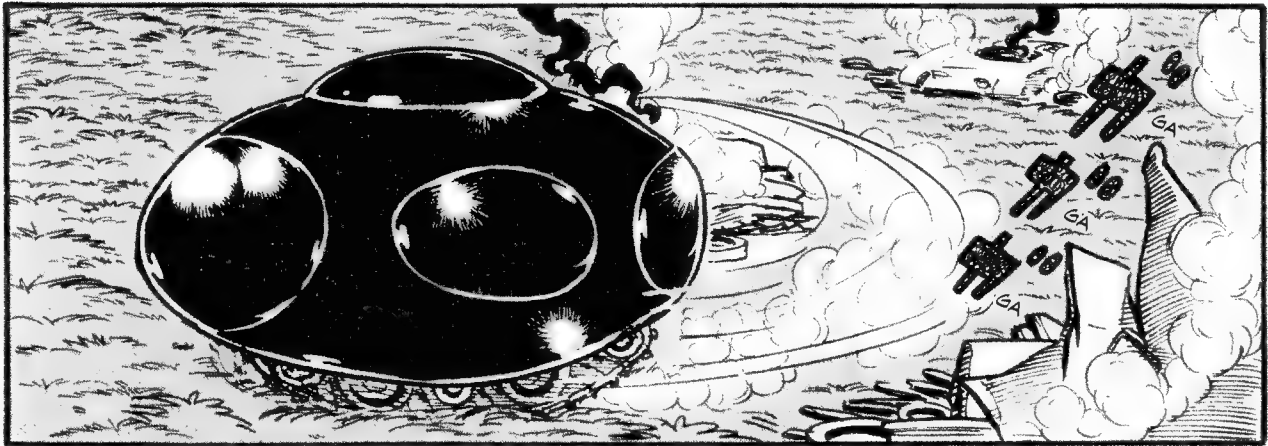
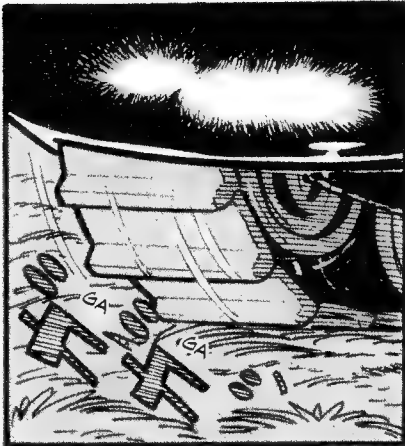
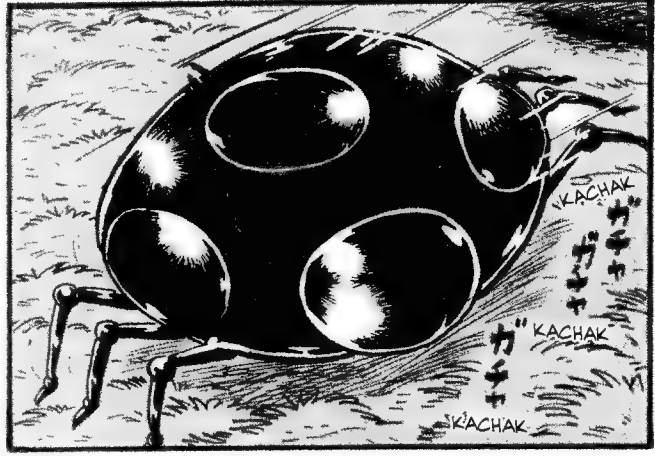
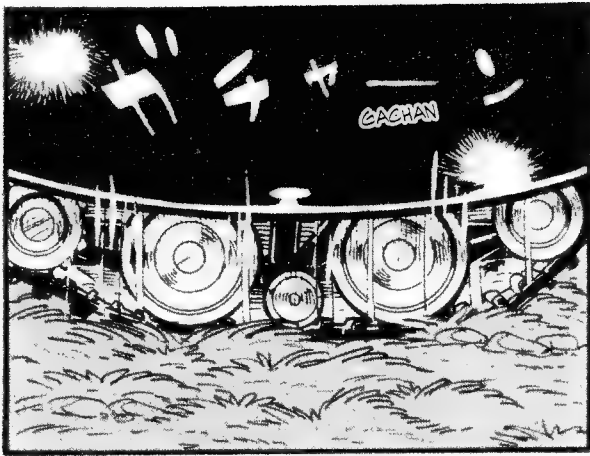
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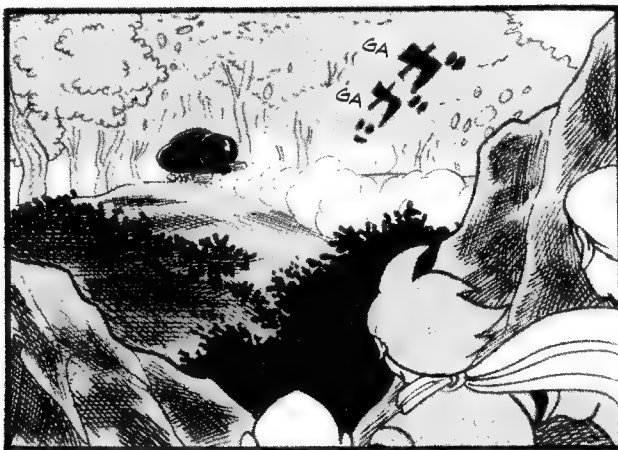
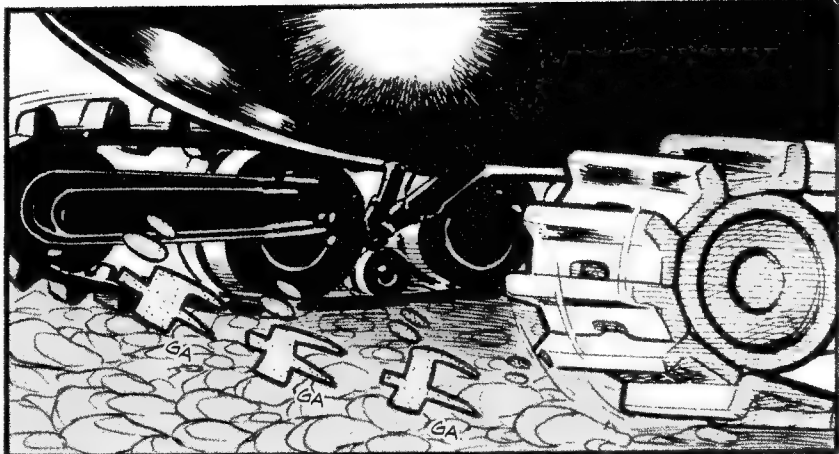
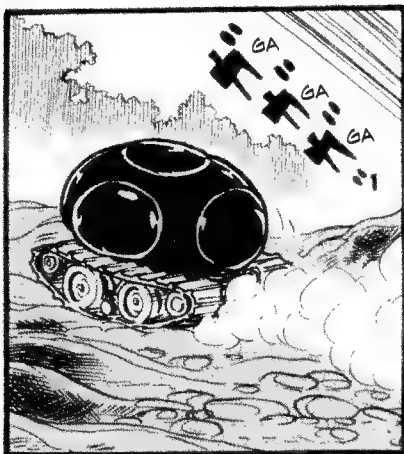


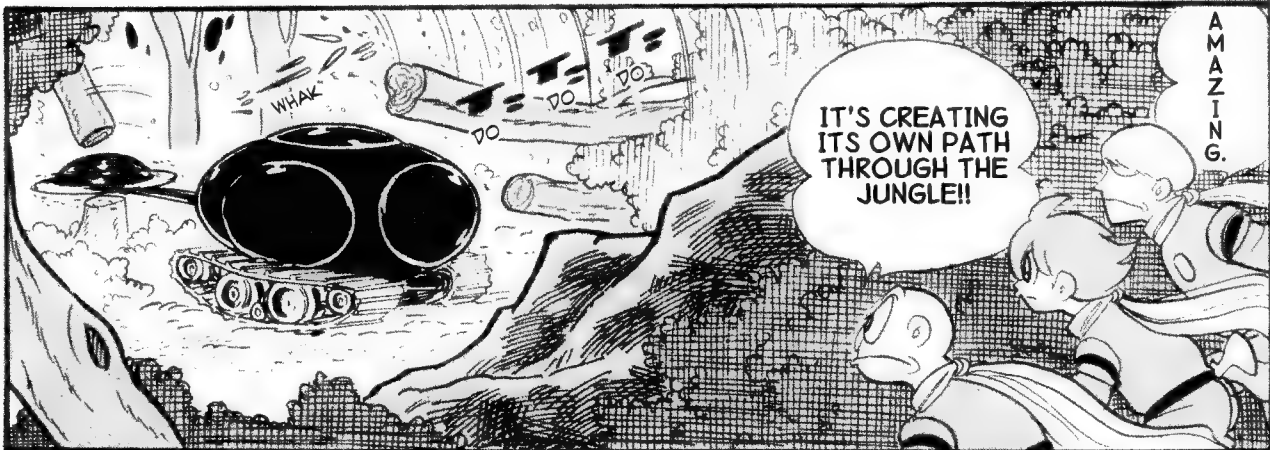
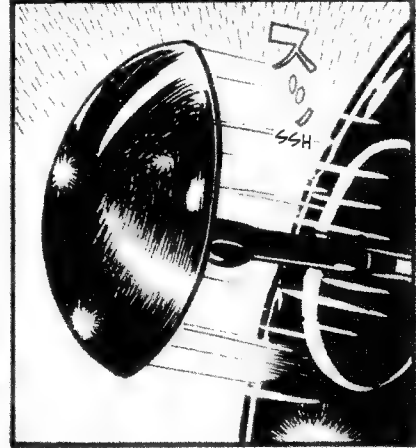
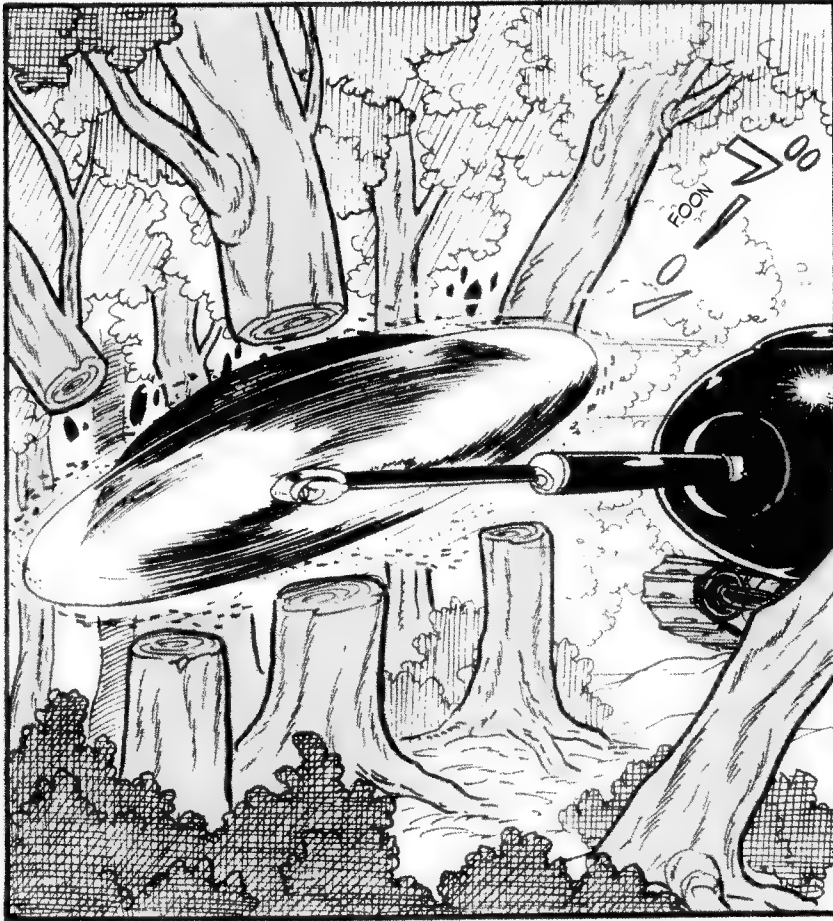
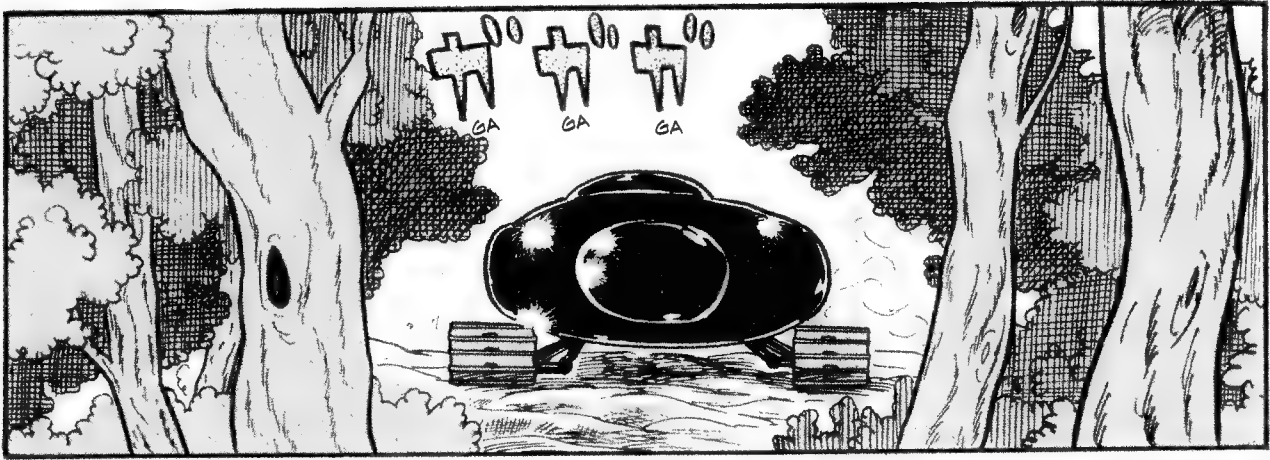
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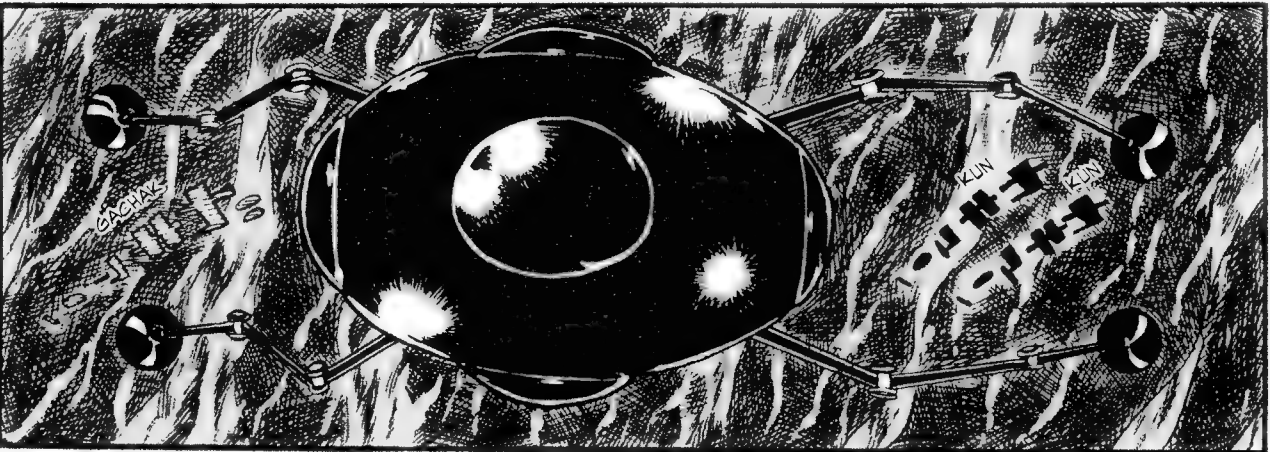
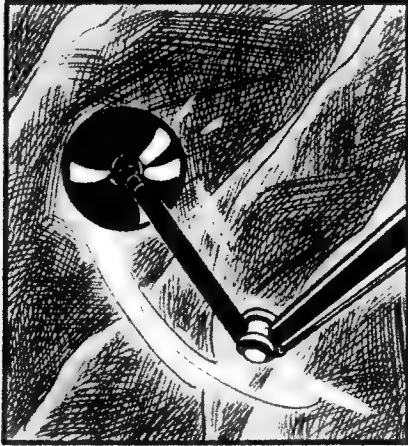
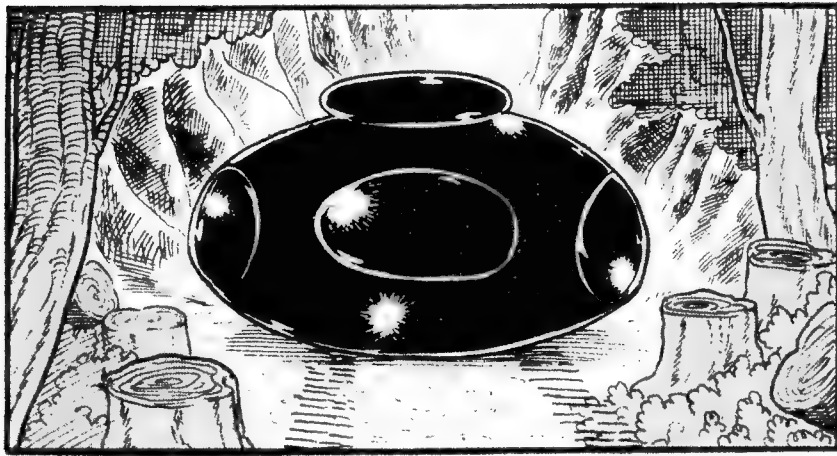


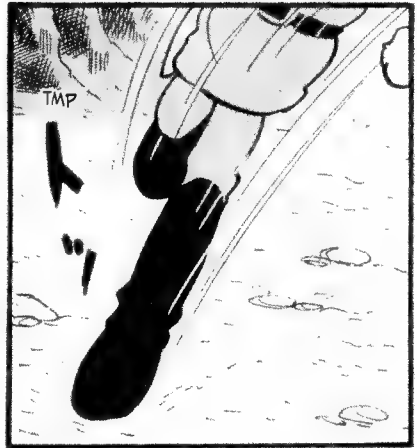
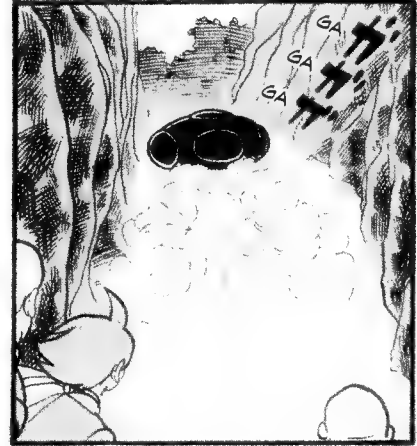
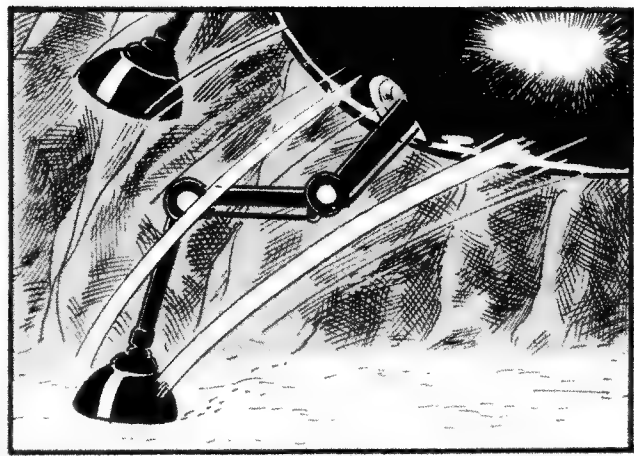
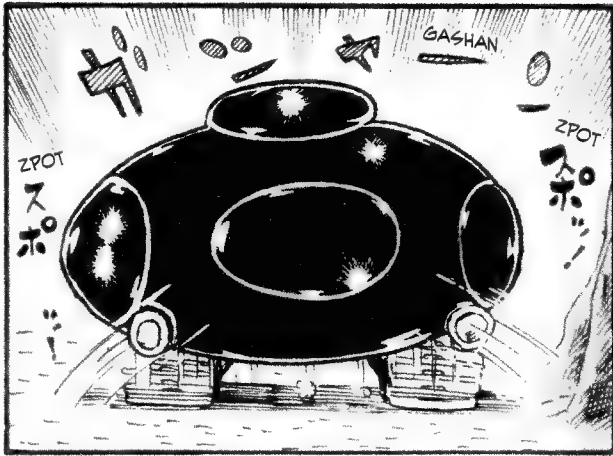


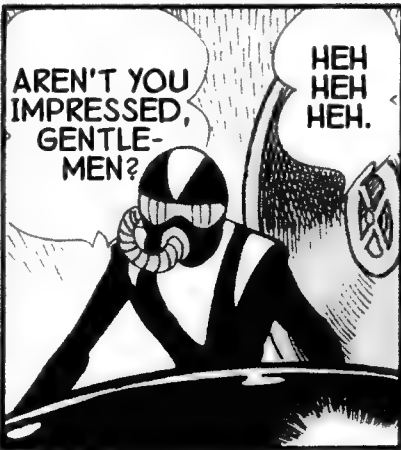
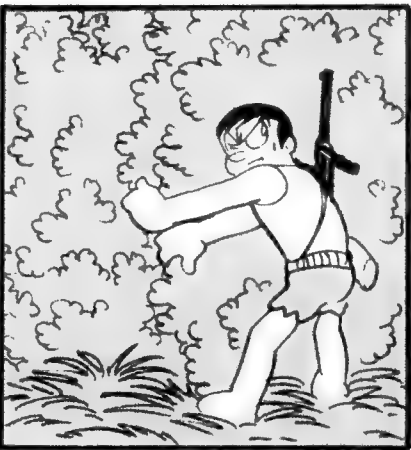
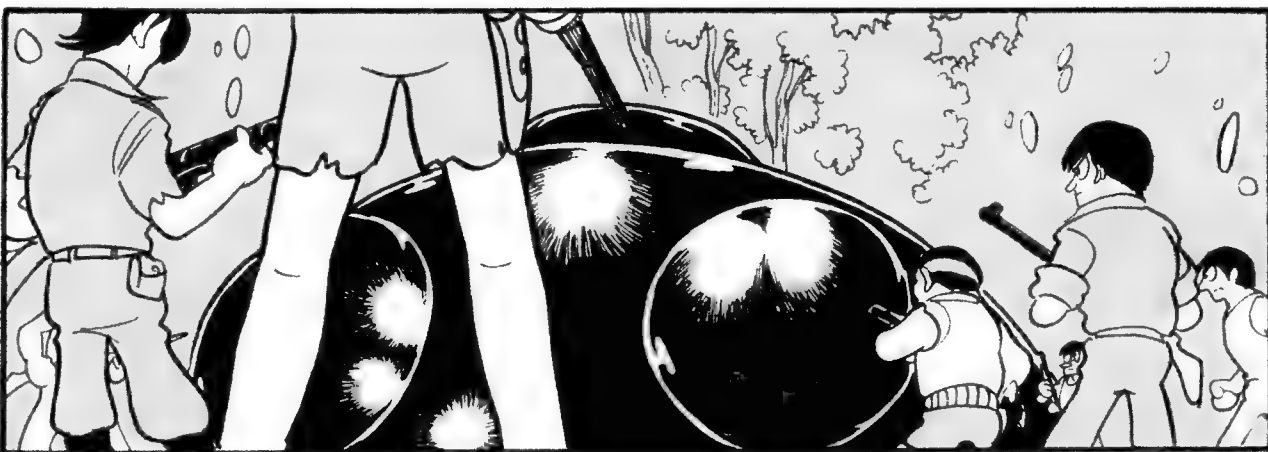
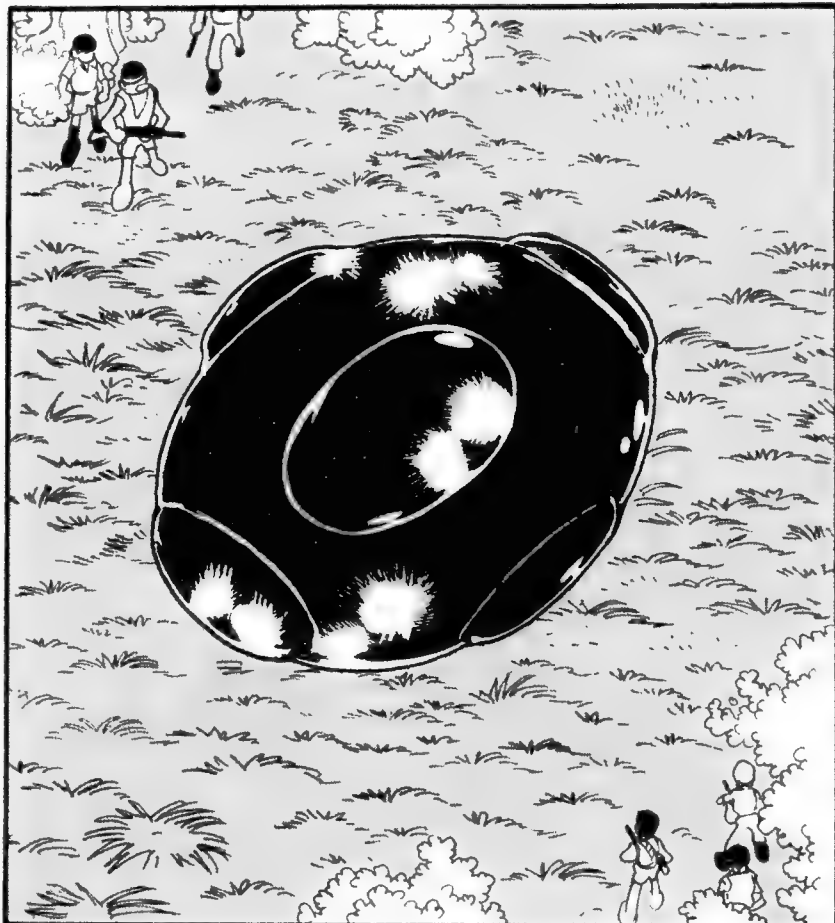


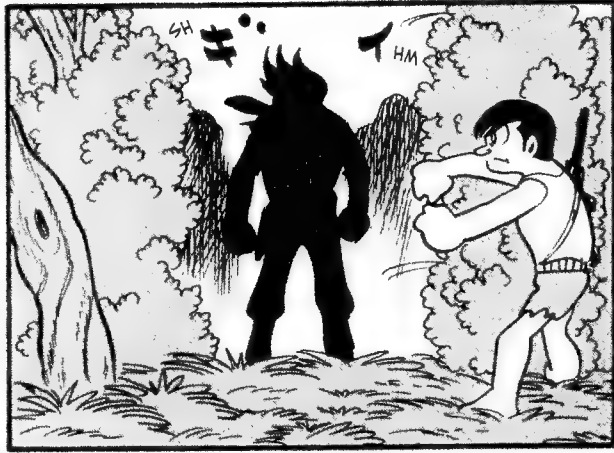


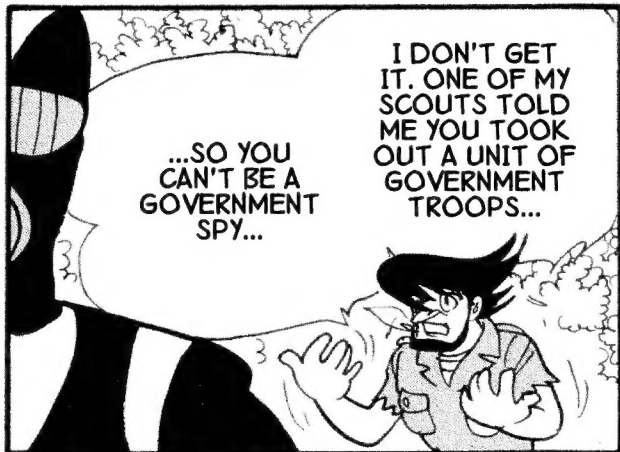
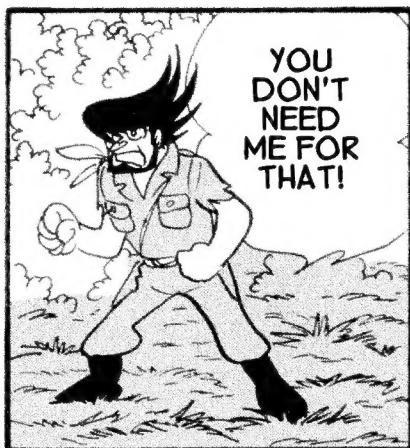
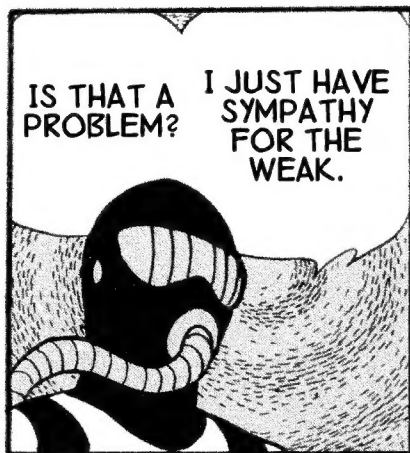


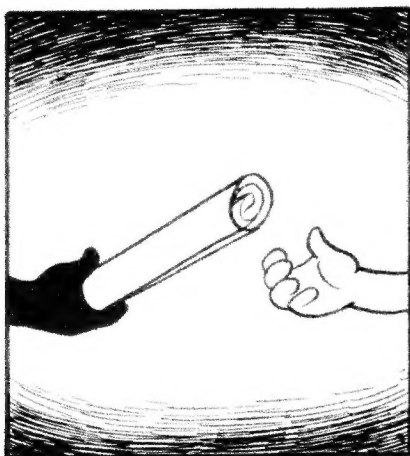






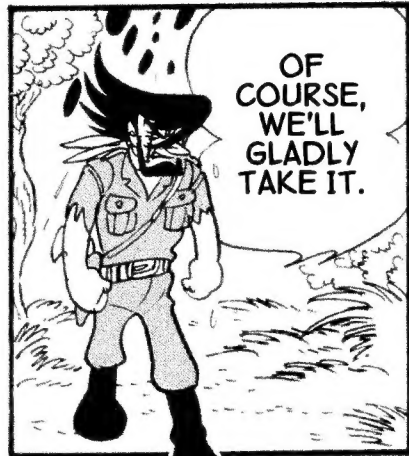




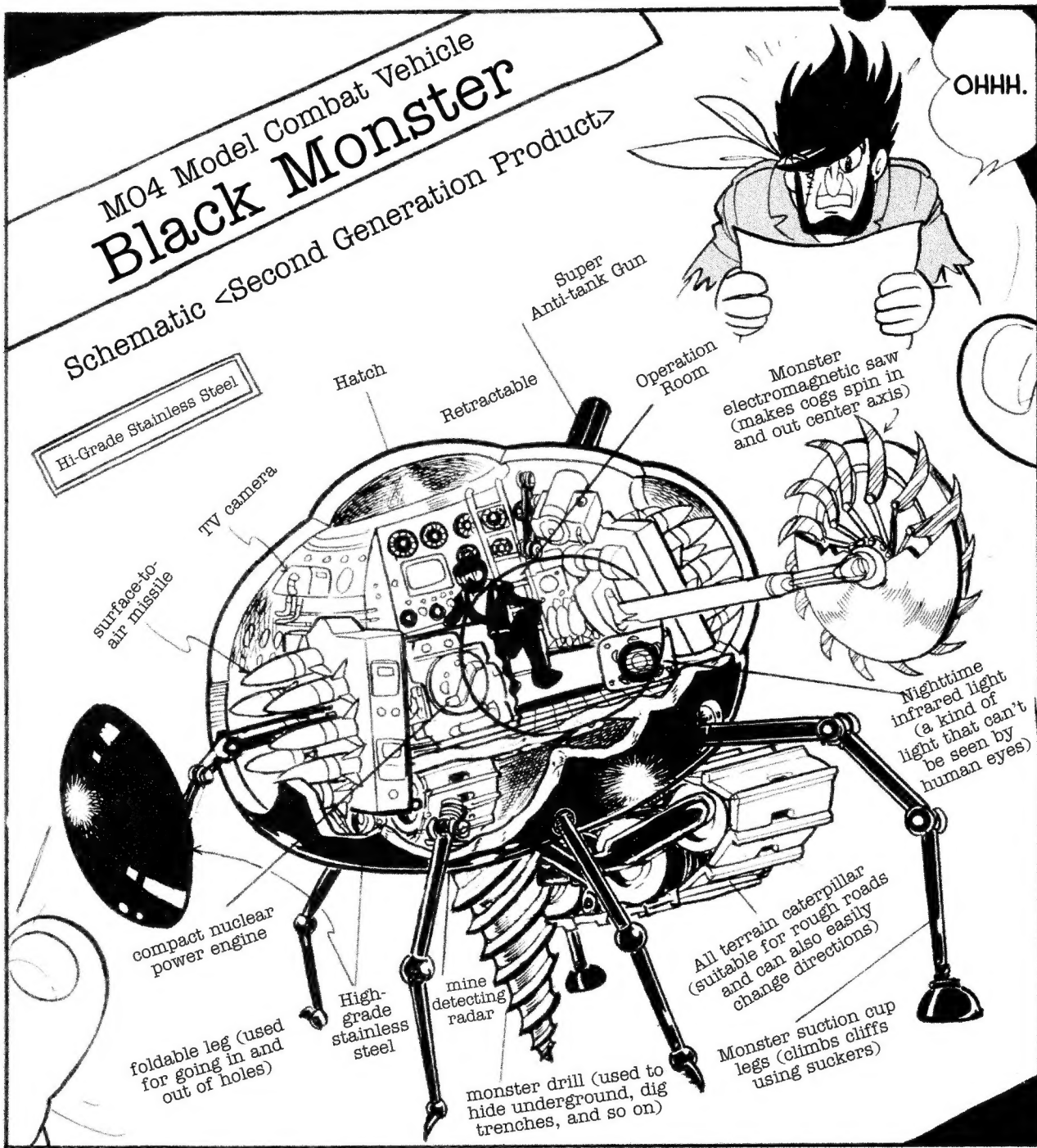


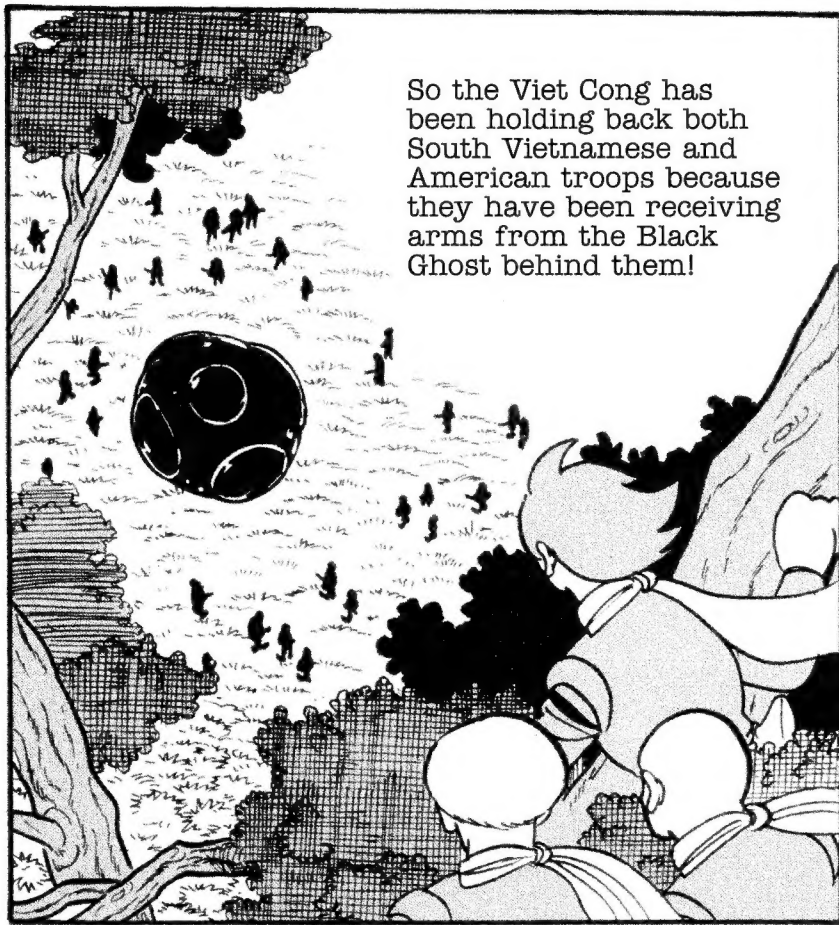
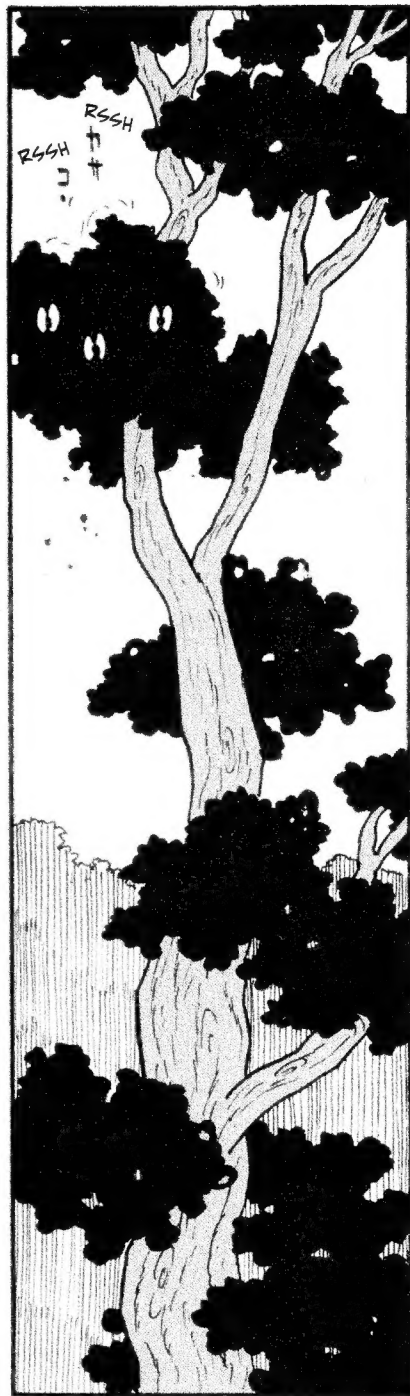
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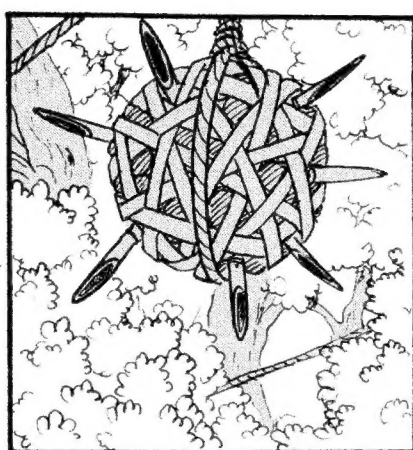
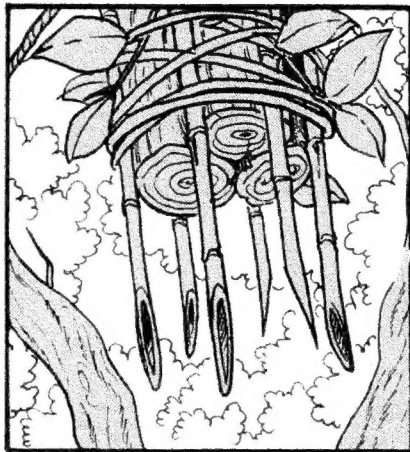
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